



The payment for agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and the environment - Greening

Drought 2019
Greening – derogations

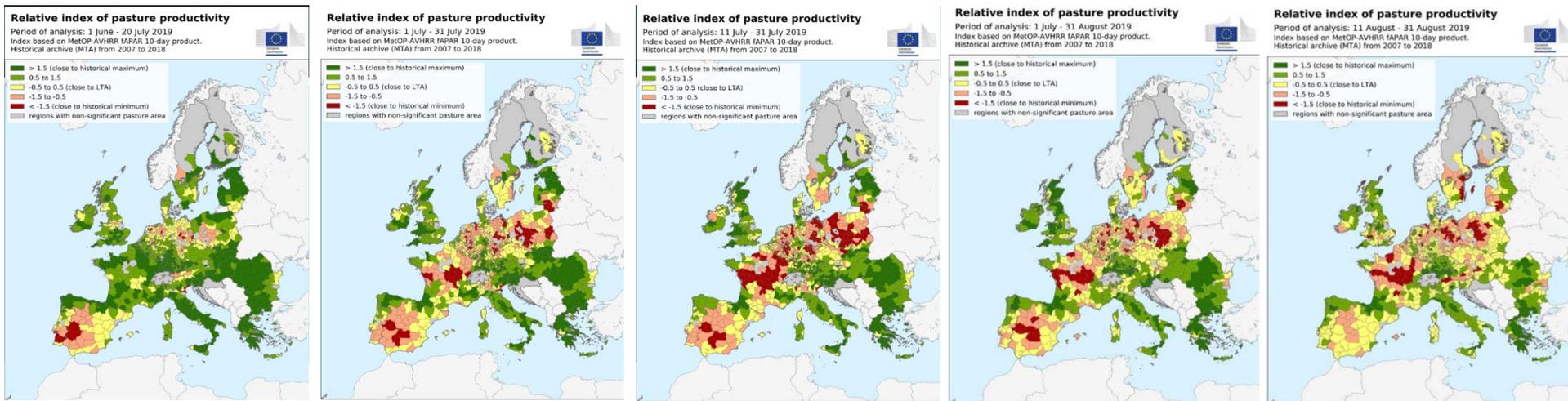
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Drought 2019: Greening derogations (I)

- Severe drought in spring and summer
- Reduced availability of fodder, soil condition preventing the timely sowing of the required crops



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Drought 2019: Greening derogations (II)

- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1389 of 4 September 2019
- MS covered: BE, ES, FR, LT, PL and PT
- MS to decide on the application of derogations (to be further designed at national level):
 - CD & EFA land lying fallow: allowing cutting and grazing
 - EFA catch crops:
 - Possibility to sow a single crop (no mixtures)
 - Use a winter crop as catch crop for harvesting for forage or for grazing
 - Shorter than 8 weeks catch crop period provided a successive main crop is established
 - *CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH DEROGATIONS CAN BE APPLIED & USED*

(recital 13): « [...] When deciding on the application of the derogations in the affected areas, those Member States should take due account of the objectives of the agricultural practices beneficial for the climate and for the environment and, in particular, the need for sufficient protection of soil quality and quality of natural resources and biodiversity, especially during the most sensitive periods for flowering and nesting birds »

Drought 2019: Greening derogations (III)

Information to be provided to the Commission:

By 25 September:

- Areas affected by drought
- Choice of derogations + description of measures taken + justification
- Relevant national legislation or instructions
- Farmers/Areas (ha) potentially covered by each derogation
- NUTS 3 level data

By 15 December:

- Actual data on the uptake of each derogation (farmers, areas/ha) – NUTS 3 level data
- An assessment of the impact of the derogation on the environment, biodiversity, climate objectives linked to EFA, catch crops, crop diversification
- Where appropriate description of the measures to mitigate any identified negative impact



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The advance payments for direct payments and area- related and animal-related rural development measures

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Drought 2019: Advanced payments-derogation

- Commission Implementing Decision C(2019) 6536 of 17 September 2019
- In total 18 MSs are addressed: BE, BG, CZ, IE, EL, ES, FR, HR, IT, LT, LV, LU, HU, PL, PT, RO, FI, UK
- 2 MSs with territorial restriction: PT - Mainland and Azores; UK - Northern Ireland
- MSs addressed by the Implementing Decision may pay advances up to:
 - 70% for the direct payments listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 1307/2013 and
 - up to 85% for the support granted under rural development as referred to in Article 67(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013.