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EU Farmers Secure Victory Against Climate Policy, but Challenges Persist

European farmers have just won a sizable victory in a fight against the climate change agenda, but the fight is far from over.

As reported by [Politico Europe](#), intense farmer protests that swept the continent in the past few weeks made the block's executive body ease demands in the [2040 climate proposal](#).

According to the report,

“[On Tuesday], the European Commission has dropped key passages in a proposal for a new 2040 goal for cutting greenhouse gas pollution.

“All sectors” would need to contribute to the effort, the EU executive's plan says. But a mention of a possible 30 percent cut to agricultural pollution between 2015 and 2040, which was in previous drafts seen by POLITICO, had been removed.

Also excised were recommendations for citizens to make changes to their behavior, like eating less meat, and a push to end fossil fuel subsidies.”



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Farmers protesting in Spain

Despite the positive changes, a [legal mandate](#) for the EU to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 remains in place.

At the same time, while scrapping the anti-farmer provisions, the EU Commission's proposal “recommends a 90% reduction in net [greenhouse gases] emissions by 2040.” The Commission noted that the final decision on this goal will lie with the newly elected EU Commission and Parliament, which will be formed after the June elections.

Eva Vlaardingerbroek, a Dutch political commentator and activist involved in the ongoing protests, called for persistence in fighting the “NetZero Scam.”



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