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## **Fertilizers Europe statement on the impact of the war in the Middle East on the EU fertilizer market**

The war in the Middle East has very significant humanitarian, geopolitical and economic impact, with implications for global energy markets and fertilizer supply chains.

There are currently no issues with the availability of fertilizers on the EU market given relatively high production output of European producers and very high import levels in Q4 2025.

While there were virtually no imports of Iranian urea into the Union in the past 3 years, the Gulf region operates a very significant global urea capacity. Because fertilizer markets are global, disruptions anywhere in the system can quickly have knock-off effects on the input costs.

European producers are working to maintain reliable supply during this period of heightened uncertainty, recognizing the essential role farmers play in safeguarding food security.

This situation further underscores how challenging the operational environment has become for European industry. Fertilizers Europe member companies were already under significant pressure from some of the world's highest energy prices, and the current developments only put upward pressure on nitrogen fertilizer production costs. It also makes clear that maintaining strong domestic fertilizer production is a strategically important for Europe.

If the situation persists or further exacerbates, EU institutions should consider reinforcing aid and assistance to European farmers, while supporting the resilience of Europe's fertilizer industry. Ensuring farmers' access to fertilizers goes hand in hand with maintaining a stable, competitive European production base that can serve agriculture in the long-term.

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