Set-aside scheme for the 1995-1996 marketing year: support system for the producers of arable crops

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The policy of 'set aside' has been one of the successes of the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy in terms of its contribution towards bring about a balance in the market. This has meant that intervention stocks have been dramatically reduced. The committee therefore agreed with a Commission proposal to reduce from 15% to 13% for the 1995/96 marketing year, therequirement that producers set aside a percentage of their arable land, in order to achieve a better balance between production and potential demand. However, members cautioned that forecasts could be wrong and stressed the temporary nature of the measure.