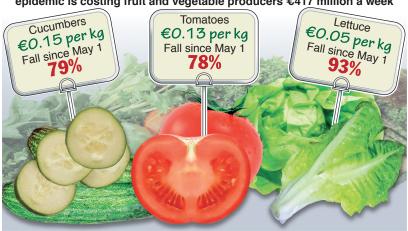
E. coli crisis forces vegetable prices down

The European Commission has raised its offer of aid to farmers hit by the E. coli outbreak to €210m, or 50% of market prices. Farmers say the epidemic is costing fruit and vegetable producers €417 million a week



EU trade in fresh fruit and vegetables is worth around €2.5 billion per week

Spain Exported 449,600 tonnes of cucumbers worth €3.73 billion in 2010. Lost revenue: Up to €225 million per week revenue: Up to €100 million per week

Netherlands France Germany €50 million €30 million €20 million per week per week per week **Belaium Portugal** Poland: €1.4 million €4 million £3 million per week per week per week

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