

Press Release

## **Agricultural machinery supplies: an alarm from EU countries**

*The European Committee of Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers appeals for the resumption of the sector's activities in our country. Without the machines manufactured in Italy - the largest producer in Europe together with Germany - the activity of many farms is paralyzed and food supplies are put at risk.*

Blocking the production of agricultural machinery in Italy has become a European problem. After the joint appeal of FederUnacoma and the professional agricultural organizations for the government to allow the manufacturing industries to supply the farms that need machinery, CEMA, the European Manufacturers' Committee, takes the field.

The organization, which is based in Brussels and brings together the agricultural machinery industries of 11 countries, released a document yesterday in which it expresses concern about the consequences of the suspension of Italian production on European agriculture. Together with Germany, our country is the largest producer of agricultural machinery in Europe and covers the mechanization needs of a large part of the continent.

"Italy is crucial for European production - writes CEMA Secretary General Jerome Baudry in his statement - and preventing this activity would have a domino effect on the supply chain for agricultural machinery, jeopardizing today's and tomorrow's food security".

"If European farmers do not have access to the equipment, services and spare parts they've ordered - reiterates the CEMA note - their work will stop". The agricultural machinery industries must, of course, operate in conditions of safety and in compliance with the regulations imposed by the emergency - recommends the European Committee - but this sector must remain an integral part of the agri-food chain.

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