

Greenhouse Horticulture Netherlands on new law: 'Unprofitable to grow vegetables or plants anymore'

Market gardeners are under heavy pressure from new government legislation. This is the opinion of Glastuinbouw Nederland in response to plans that were presented on Tuesday during Prinsjesdag.

"These measures put an end to smaller, medium-sized and extensive family farms," says chairman Adri Bom-Lemstra.

The cabinet presented the new "Glasshouse Horticulture Tax Measures Act" on Tuesday. This proposes two changes to the energy tax as of Jan. 1, 2025. First, it plans to abolish the reduced rates on gas for the greenhouse horticulture sector from 2025 to 2030. Second, the exemption for electricity generation will be reduced in the same period.

This, according to Glastuinbouw Nederland controversial, law had been in the pipeline for some time. The interest group for the Dutch greenhouse horticulture sector is very concerned about the increased burden the new law will place on horticulturists. Earlier research by Wageningen Economic Research showed that the total burden increase for growers will rise from 24 million euros in 2019 to 740 million euros in 2030.

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