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Financial support for the farmers whose livelihoods have been affected by the recent fires in the Aude has been confirmed by the government. An aid package of eight million euros will be released to help the farmers in the wake of the blaze that saw 16,000 hectares go up in smoke, causing crop losses and material damage. Agriculture Minister Annie Genevard has said that farmers eligible for the aid will be able to claim an advance lump sum of up to €10,000.

Meanwhile, France is sending two Canadair aircraft and other logistical support to Spain. The country has been hit by 15 wildfires which have left three people dead and several injured. Since the start of those of fires, nearly 11,000 people have been evacuated.

A former employee of a school in the Hérault has been accused of the rape and sexual assault of nursery age children. The woman has been released on bail, with a ban on all contact with children and on residing within the département. The nursery assistant says she is innocent and that there is a conspiracy against her.

The Chavegrand dairy which produced the cheeses that may caused the recent outbreak of listeriosis that has killed two people so far, has said that it will provide compensation to victims. Initial tests have pointed to the pasteurised cheeses being linked to the cases, with final results expected in the next few weeks. The products in question have been recalled.

And finally, after a week of a blistering heatwave, temperatures are finally starting to dip across France as no départements are listed on red weather alert. An amber alert remains in place for 75 départements and Météo France says temperatures are set to rise again over the weekend.