

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **The US SAYS 'YES' TO ANIMAL CLONING**

**The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has given the green light to animal cloning for human consumption; a technology with a long track record of inflicting severe suffering on farm animals.**

Joyce D'Silva, Ambassador for Compassion in World Farming said,

"It is shocking that both Europe and the US food safety bodies have in a matter of days pushed forward on an issue that is so clearly bad for farmed animals.

"We believe that the FDA has failed to take account of the growing global recognition that animals are sentient beings. We must not increase their suffering."

- Research shows that around 50% of cloned farm animals die either shortly before birth or within a few weeks afterwards.
- Many cloned animals are born with malformed lungs, kidneys or other essential organs.

Regardless of opposing research, the biotech industry envisages making a profitable future from marketing the animals who are deemed to be "successful" clones.

Cloning technology is likely to be used in conjunction with genetic modification in order to replicate GM farm animals. It will also be used to clone the most productive, fast-growing animals, where the most money can be made.

Research and recent sales figures show that consumers are increasingly concerned about the origin of their food and how it has been produced, "We are confident that consumers will not accept products from cloned or GM animals and will vote against them with their wallets", says Joyce D'Silva.

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**Notes:**

- Recent reports show clearly that today's pigs have been bred to grow so quickly that they are suffering from painful leg disorders and heart problems at an early age. Yet it is these very fast growing pigs that are most likely to be cloned.
- Similarly today's dairy cows have been bred for such high milk yields that many suffer from painful lameness and mastitis. Cloning these cows will exacerbate such health and welfare problems.

**Guidance for Industry Use of Animal Clones and Clone Progeny for Human Food and Animal Feed** <http://www.fda.gov/cvm/Guidance/Finalguideline179.htm>

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