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Part of a "Brave New World" I never knew existed (80 years after Huxley)

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As I try to eat as naturally as possible and live a healthy lifestyle, I keep discovering new things.

I remember Dolly the cloned sheep, but I didn't know that the USA had approved the sale of meat and products from cloned animals.

"There are cattle in the thousands globally now", and their offspring and descendants are "going to multiply every year," Russell said.

"It would be next to impossible to go backwards."

news.msn.com/science-technology/us-company-in-iowa-churns-out-100-cloned-cows-a-year

I'm not a vegetarian, but along with gene splicing in a lab to create new varieties of plants and even genetically modified salmon, this is pushing the envelope of what I find acceptable.

Aldous Huxley published his book in 1932 and set the story in the year 2540.

As I remember, the gene manipulation in the lab was mandated and controlled by the government. Now it seems that the impetus for taking a natural process and bringing "change" as the company executive calls it, is driven by the profit motive.

I'm not against science or profit, but I would like to see some balance and a greater degree of caution.

Some governments (like the USA) are going along and some are resisting.

Somehow I doubt that this is being done to alleviate world hunger. There are a lot of ways to feed hungry people other than sending them a cloned cow.

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KELLIEBEAN

I agree with Pheonix1949... it is not wise to mess with mother nature. This all seems very frightening to me.

I was not aware we had this not in the US. Thanks for sharing this information!

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MARYJEANSL

I couldn't agree with you more. I find this very frightening. As I recall, there were negative consequences to the cloning (beyond the obvious), such as the animals developing illnesses abnormally early - maybe arthritis. I don't remember exactly and am too tired to look it up, but I am sure there were problems. Wouldn't that alone be a reason for people to at least think twice before eating cloned meat?

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CD8126238

well this is scary, I fell like not eating any meat!
Thanks for sharing!
Have awesome evening!



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EGRAMMY

Well Said!

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DOVESEYES

I'm anti genetically modified anything, Man does not have a good rep when interfering in nature.

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PHEBESS

Ugh - I don't even want genetically modified vegs or fruits, let alone cloned animals! Has anyone researched the nutritional value of cloned meats vs real live animals who are then butchered for meat?

Just one more reason to continue living outside the mainland US! (Ever looked at how many countries now refuse to import food from the USA? Most of Europe, much of Asia and South America, and I suspect Australia and NZ are getting on board with that.)

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LINDAKAY228

I want balance too! Things tend to go too far!

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TERI-RIFIC

Brave New World gets truer and truer every day. Maybe I need to take some Soma and relax. I don't want to eat cloned anything.

2540 days ago



PHOENIX1949

This bothers me on several levels.

Something that comes to mind is the advertising phrase "It's not nice to fool Mother Nature." which can be upgraded to "It's not wise to mess with Mother Nature."

70's commercial with phrase at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLrTPrp-fW8>

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MISCHAKEO

I did not know we had cloned animals for consumption here. I would also strive for caution and studies about the effects. Generally the meat industry has horrible conditions for animals and uses way to many growth hormones.

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CD14815535



I'm all for science and scientific 'helps'--but it's too early in the cloning process to condone the use of a cloned anything in regards to food. We have them already in the US? Yikes, did not know that. Maybe it's my 'Chicken Little' crying out the sky is falling, but the splicing of genes and such could potentially be bad for humans. I don't think there's any long term research as yet. Why don't we look to things that will work--irrigation, proper field management, rotation of crops, better animal husbandry?

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WILSONWR



I agree with TRYINGHARD54. There is a limit to everything, and things do seem to be getting out of hand.

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WUMPASTAR



If every North American went vegetarian for a single DAY in the YEAR, you could feed every African for a YEAR with the cereals that would have been saved (used to feed the meat). So, yeah, not the solution.

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WATERMELLEN



Playing Scrabble the other day, I was distressed that "cloner" is now an acceptable word . . . "one who clones". Who does that?????

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ELRIDDICK



Thanks for sharing

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CHERYLHURT



We try to eat as much locally grown produce as we can...

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NELLJONES



Every food we know is genetically altered, but it used to be done by planting plants side by side to cross-pollinate, or inter-breeding of livestock. Whether it's done in a lab or over a few generations in the field, it's the same thing.

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TRYINGHARD54



We raise our own meat. Beef, chicken and pork. Science and technology are good to a certain point. But sometimes I think it gets out of hand.

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