

## **INDUSTRY STATEMENTS**

FMI believes that commodity groups should all develop efficient and effective traceability systems for their products. This innovative new technology provides just such a system for identifying and tracing cloned livestock. Consumers, retailers, and suppliers will all benefit from the assured and verifiable information it will make available.

Food Marketing Institute

With this new registry program in place, BIO encourages a timely release by the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the final risk assessment on the safety of foods from animal cloning. Our industry believes the tracking program will help to identify animal clones and address market concerns when the voluntary moratorium on the use of cloning for commercial food production is lifted.

Biotechnology Industry Organization

The food industry believes a rigorous clone segregation program is needed if this breeding technology is introduced. The new clone tracking program addresses this need from a supply chain management standpoint. Ultimately, consumer preferences will determine if meat, milk and other byproducts from cloned animals will be used in food products.

Grocery Manufacturers Association

Some dairy marketers have expressed an interest in restricting the milk from cloned cattle from their supply chain, so we are encouraged that cloning companies recognize the importance of a supply chain management system to help identify the presence of clones. We intend to continue working with the cloning technology companies, and the livestock owners who purchase clones, to ensure that the components of the SCM system function properly.

National Milk Producers Federation