

**GM Freeze Survey on the Use of Cloned Animals and their Offspring
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Supermarkets and cloning

Company	Policy on clones for food	GM Freeze says
Aldi	"...confirm Aldi Stores does not source or permit sourcing of products from cloned animals."	Answer on products from clones' offspring could be clearer and definite.
Asda/Walmart	"Asda does not sell milk or meat or eggs from cloned animals nor do we have any plans to do so."	Answer on products from clones' offspring could be clearer.
Marks and Spencer	"...policy not to accept finished livestock or livestock products using embryo transfer, <i>in vitro</i> fertilisation, induced twinning, sex predetermination, cloning, GM/transgenics..."	
Morrison's	"...we would also not accept meat or milk produced from cloned or GM animals."	Answer on products from clones' offspring could be clearer.
Sainsbury's	"confirm that Sainsbury's does not source and have not intention to source produce from cloned or GM livestock or their offspring."	
Tesco	"...assure you we will not take meat from cloned animals or their offspring."	No answer on milk or eggs from clones.
Waitrose	"...high standards of animal welfare... Waitrose does not sell milk or meat from cloned animals." "...assure you that we have absolutely no intention to stock such items [food from clones or their offspring]."	

Companies currently ruling out foods from clones and their offspring

Company	Policy on clones for food	GM Freeze says
Abel and Cole	"All the beef, lamb, pork, poultry, milk and eggs or products derived from these are certified organic."	Organic production rules out cloning.
Aldi	"...confirm Aldi Stores does not source or permit sourcing of products from cloned animals."	Answer on products from clones' offspring could be clearer and definite.
Asda/Walmart	"Asda does not sell milk or meat or eggs from cloned animals nor do we have any plans to do so."	Answer on products from clones' offspring could be clearer.
Domino's	"We can confirm that no Domino's Pizza Ingredient is derived from cloned animals."	Answer on products from clones' offspring could be clearer.

Green and Black's	"all our products are organic"	Organic production rules out cloning.
Marks and Spencer	"...policy not to accept finished livestock or livestock products using embryo transfer, <i>in vitro</i> fertilisation, induced twinning, sex predetermination, cloning, GM/transgenics..."	
McCain	"Please be advised that McCain Foods does not use ingredients originating from cloned animals."	Answer on products from clones' offspring could be clearer.
Morrison's	"...we would also not accept meat or milk produced from cloned or GM animals."	Answer on products from clones' offspring could be clearer.
Musgrave Retail: "... international firm with annual sales of over €3.3 billion." http://www.budgens.co.uk/pages/musgraves.html Brands: Budgens, Londis, etc	"...confirm that the policy within Musgrave Retail Partners is not to permit the use of meat, milk or eggs from clones or their offspring."	
Northern Foods: We are one of the leading food producers in the UK and Ireland. http://www.northern-foods.co.uk/aboutus.htm Brands: ready meals for M&S and Morrison's, sandwiches for M&S, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Morrison's, Goodfella's pizza, Fox's biscuits, etc	"we therefore have no current or anticipated future interest in animal clones and the products obtained from these animals and their offspring."	
Plamil	"...the issue of cloning is, actually, a non-issue for this company as we do not use any animal ingredient."	
Premier Foods: "...the UK's largest food producer. More than 99% of all UK households bought a Premier Foods brand last year ..." http://www.premierfoods.co.uk/ Brands: Hovis, Mr Kipling, Quorn, Batchelor's, etc	"...policy not to use animal products from clones and their offspring."	
Road Chef	"...advise that to the best of our knowledge we do not use foods from clones or their offspring."	This is not a policy not to do so, only noting that they don't think they do now.
Sainsbury's	"confirm that Sainsbury's does not source and have not intention to source produce from cloned or GM livestock or their offspring."	
Tayto	"...confirm that the policy of Tayto (NI) Ltd is not to use meat, milk, eggs or other products	

	from clones or their offspring.”	
Tesco	“...assure you we will not take meat from cloned animals or their offspring.”	No answer on milk or eggs from clones.
Waitrose	“...high standards of animal welfare...Waitrose does not sell milk or meat from cloned animals.” “...assure you that we have absolutely no intention to stock such items [food from clones or their offspring].”	
Walkers Crisps	“...confirm that Walkers Crisps does not use meat, milk, eggs or other derivatives from cloned animals as ingredients in its products.”	
Whitbread	“...no plans to source meat or milk products from cloned animals or their offspring...” and say their overall choice is to offer wide choice in response to what customers want and aware of FDA findings	May leave door open to clones in future.
Wild Oats Wholefood	“...formally confirm that we oppose any aspect of cloning...”	
Yeo Valley	“We would never use any cloned animals for the production of our milk...”	
Yum: ...”is the world's largest restaurant company in terms of system restaurants ...” http://www.yum.com/about/default.asp Brands: KFC, Pizza Hut, etc	“...confirm that KFCUK does not use any meat, milk, eggs or other products from cloned animals”	Does not say what is happening outside the UK, answer on products from clones’ offspring could be clearer.

Companies not ruling out food from clones and their offspring

Company	Policy on clones for food	GM Freeze says
British Association of Fair Trade Shops	“BAFTS does not hold an official view on cloning as our shops major in giftware and not food.”	No response to questions about the food products they do sell.
Coop	“With regard to product (sic) of animal origin from cloned animals we have, as with GM, adopted the precautionary principle in that these products will not be included in the formulation of any co-op brand product...only applicable to our own brand products.”	No policy to avoid sale of clones, only to keep own brands clone-free.
FDF	Question hypothetical as no moves by any UK retailers to use clones, support customers having info to make choices, FDF have not discussed the matter and unlikely to happen,	Apparently not taking account of unlabelled imports.

	but would change if situation requires	
Scottish FDF	“SFDF is a devolved division of the FDF and as you will be aware, Our head office will therefore respond to your query centrally in due course.”	Apparently not taking account of unlabelled imports.
Iceland	<p>“At present our policies do not include reference to products originating from cloning technology. However Iceland is concerned about development in this area and we are monitoring the situation.”</p> <p>“Iceland foods ltd also has developed an animal welfare policy for our suppliers which includes the auditing of farms to ensure compliance with the standards as defined by the Farm Animal Welfare Council. The provision of meats and milk from cloned animals would fall within the terms of this policy and will remain so until there are assurances from the FSA on the safety of foods derived from such animals. At which time our policy may be reviewed.”</p>	
<p>Mitchells and Butlers: “The leading operator of managed pubs and pub restaurants in the UK.”</p> <p>http://www.mbplc.com/index.asp?pageid=2</p> <p>Brands: Scream, O’Neill’s, Harvester, All Bar One, etc</p>	<p>“We believe that our customers should have the choice not to eat food from cloned animals or food containing GMOs...The company will continue to carefully monitor the development of novel foods including products from cloned animals and continue to provide our customers with the choice of not consuming GMOs or products from cloned animals.” Aware of FDA findings, concerned about lack of labelling and note EFSA/FSA positions.</p>	No policy to avoid sale of clones, only to offer non-clone choice.
Netto	<p>“As this is an emerging technology which is not widespread in the UK, we have not strict policy at this time. Due to the approval by the FDA in America we will contact all of our suppliers to stipulate Netto will not accept any fresh meat, eggs or milk produced from cloned animals or their offspring until such time as this has been approved by the relevant EU bodies.”</p>	Appears that if food from clones is legal they will sell it.
<p>Punch Taverns: “...the UK’s leading pub company, with a quality portfolio of over 8,400 leased, tenanted and managed pubs across the UK.”</p> <p>http://www.punchtaverns.com/Punch/Corporate/About+us/</p>	<p>“...confirm that our company policy is that products supplied to the Spirit group meet all legislative requirements and comply with the current product legislation...”</p>	Appears that if food from clones is legal they will sell it.
<p>Yum: “...”is the world’s largest restaurant company in terms of system restaurants ...”</p> <p>http://www.yum.com/about/default.asp</p>	<p>“...confirm that KFCUK does not use any meat, milk, eggs or other products from cloned animals”</p>	Does not say what is happening outside the UK, no answer on products from clones’ offspring.

Brands: KFC, Pizza Hut, etc		
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Companies not answering the survey at all: Arla Foods, Associated British Foods, Beam Global Spirits & Wine, Inc, Birds Eye, Body Shop International PLC, British Retail Consortium, Bunge UK, Burger King Ltd, Burts Potato Chips, Capricorn Organics, Centura Foods, Compass Group PLC, Certified Farmers' Markets, CWS Retail, Dairy Crest Group PLC, Fresh and Wild, Fresh Food Co. Ltd, Grampian Country Foods Ltd, GW Trading, Health Food Manufacturers Association, Highland Organic, JD Wetherspoons PLC, Kettle Foods Ltd, London Farmers' Markets, McDonald's Restaurants Ltd, Moy Park, National Association of Health Stores, Neal's Yard Bakery, Neal's Yard Remedies, Nestle Holdings PLC, Organic Delivery Company, Organic Farmers and Growers, Organic Farm Food Wales, Pernod Ricard, Pipers Crisps, Pizza Express Ltd, Planet Organic, Pret A Manger, Rachel's Organic Dairy Ltd, RHM plc, Robert Wiseman Dairies PLC, Scottish and Newcastle PLC, Scottish Retail Consortium, Seabrookes Potato Crisps Ltd, Simply Organic, Somerfield Stores Ltd, Tate and Lyle PLC, The Hilton Group PLC, The Rank Group PLC, Traidcraft Plc, Triodos Bank, Unilever UK Foods, Uniq PLC, United Biscuits (UK) Ltd, Vinceremos Wines & Spirits Ltd, West Country Organics, Whole Earth Foods Ltd, Whole Foods Market,

GM Freeze wrote between January and July 2007 to 88 companies in order to approach a wide variety of organisations, treating them all equally. While it may be understandable that some did not respond (organic companies might well imagine we would know their policy), other organic companies did respond, and our letter helped inform those companies of both the introduction of unlabelled products from clones into the food chain and our work on it.