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FDA Declares Cloned Animals Safe

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced on Thursday that food products from cloned animals pose no increased health risks compared to the products from animals produced with conventional methods.

FDA concluded that "food from cattle, swine and goat clones was as safe to eat as food from animals of those species derived by conventional meats," an agency official said in an article published in the Jan. 1 edition of the scientific journal, *Theriogenology*.

FDA had asked producers of cloned animals to keep them off the market voluntarily while it examined the issue.

Reports also say that FDA will indicate that there are no special labels required for meat/food/products from cloned animals.

Although some consumer groups are up in arms over the matter, FDA is expected to call for labels on products from animals that are cloned. They cite polls which indicate consumers are leery of buying products that come from cloned animals and they say there needs to be an extensive regulatory review of the matter.

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