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COPA-COGECA REACTS TO EU COMMISSION BAN ON USE OF CLONING FOR FOOD PRODUCTION FOR FIVE YEARS

Reacting to the EU Commission proposal today to ban the use of cloning of animals for food production purposes for five years, Copa-Cogeca said farmers have shown little interest in the technique so far since it is still in its early stages and it is not a viable option in the marketplace.

Copa-Cogeca Secretary-General Pekka Pesonen continued “Farmers have to respond to consumer demand and cloning does not currently seem to be feasible either from an economic or market point of view. But increasingly, new technologies are being used in non-EU countries. European farmers cannot accept double standards. Imports to the EU must therefore respect the same standards”.

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