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## News Release

### Straus Family Creamery strongly opposes the recent FDA animal cloning decision

MARSHALL, Calif., Jan. 17, 2008 - The FDA announced Tuesday its approval of meat and dairy products from cloned animals. The FDA has determined these products to be as safe as that from their naturally-bred counterparts.

Straus Family Creamery feels the recent FDA approval further threatens the future of responsible farming practices.

“As a family farmer I feel my economic future and the safety of the American food supply being threatened by animal cloning,” said Albert Straus, president of Straus Family Creamery. “I believe every American has reason to be concerned.”

**Cloning is unnatural** – Cloning is a method of reproduction that NEVER occurs naturally in mammals. The number one concern of our farmers is the health of their animals. Shortened life spans and animal deformities, which have occurred in early cloning attempts, are just the beginning of the dangerous results cloning can bring.

**Cloning is untested** – Cloning has not been ADEQUATELY tested over time for animal health and well-being. Many animal cloning attempts result in fatal birth defects and deformed fetuses.

Organic, sustainable farming is about minimizing the risks to our planet, while cloning only INCREASES the unknown risks to our world and our food supply.

**Cloning is not organic** because it is not possible under natural conditions and is not compatible with organic values. The National Organic Standards Board recommends that cloning should be prohibited from all production methods.

California Sen. Carol Migden introduced SB 63 in Jan. 2007 which was vetoed by the Governor. The bill asked for labeling requirements of products from cloned animals and their offspring. The Senator will be re-introducing a similar bill this year.

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Straus Family Creamery would like to continue farming organically and responsibly without the threat of a food system that is unnatural, untested and not organic.

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*Straus Family Creamery strives to consistently provide the highest quality, best tasting, organic dairy products with minimal processing and wholesome ingredients. Straus Family Creamery makes business decisions based upon environmental and ecological considerations, which support the philosophy of sustainable, organic family farming, for the health and well being of the company, its producers, employees and the community at large.*