Kosher pork? Meat from cloned pigs and lab-grown meat are Kosher, prominent Israeli rabbi says

Prominent Israeli Rabbi Yuval Cherlow says meat from a cloned pig would be considered kosher under Jewish dietary laws. Cherlow, who is a leading scholar on modern interpretations of Kashrut, is advocating for rabbinic approval of cloned meats in order to reduce animal suffering, decrease meat industry pollution and stamp out starvation.

In an interview published by the Israeli newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, Rabbi Cherlow makes the case that transgenic or cloned meat would not be subject to the same Kashrut dietary laws that guide what is kosher, or “fit,” for consumption by Jews.

Cherlow says that because meat grown from cells in a lab would have lost its “identity,” observant Jews would also be able to eat it alongside dairy products.

Cherlow argues that allowing genetically engineered meat from a pig would serve a two-fold purpose of reducing starvation and reducing reliance on a worldwide meat industry he sees as unclean and causing pollution.

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