

LET'S SING AND HAVE FUN! CLONIN' DNA

(Carl Winter's lyrics tuned from the Beach Boys' "Surfing USA". You can watch videos of Carl Winter's songs at <http://foodsafety.ucdavis.edu>.)

If everybody had a lab bench
 across the USA
 they'd be cranking out¹ products
 nearly every day
 you'd see them waving their test tubes
 just like genetics 1A²
 everybody's gone clonin'
 cloning DNA.
 Flavr Savr tomato³
 Roundup resistant soy⁴
 bovine somatotropin⁵
 isn't it a joy?
 Keep an eye out for Rifkin⁶
 or the P.E.T.A.⁷
 they don't want you clonin'
 clonin' DNA.
 Get a brand new stand here
 I'm sure we'll replicate
 soon we'll have the sequence
 we can hardly wait
 pairing up those bases
 of course there's T and A
 we get all excited
 clonin' DNA.
 We're looking for expression
 we're gonna have it quick
 playing in that helix
 thank you Watson and Crick
 all over the genome
 put on your lab coat and stay
 everybody's gone clonin'
 clonin' DNA.

¹ – Producing in large amounts

² – Chromosome 1A

³ – New tomato developed through biotechnology

⁴ – Soy plants which grow even when sprayed with Monsanto's potent weed-killer Roundup

⁵ – Growth hormone found in cattle, important for growth and development of all animals

⁶ – Jeremy Rifkin, environmental scientist who speaks out against biotechnology

⁷ – People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals