

# Genetic Engineering In Agriculture (p. 238 - 242)

## I. Improving Crops

1. List five ways in which plants have been genetically modified to help farmers.

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1. Insect Resistance
2. Disease Resistance
3. Frost Resistance / Drought Resistance
4. Herbicide Resistance ("Round-Up")
5. Delayed Fruit Ripening (ethylene → tomatoes)

2. Why was rice genetically modified in Asia?

- Rice is a major food source (low iron + beta carotene)  
 (millions were iron deficient + poor vision) → makes Vitamin A  
 (needed for vision)

Year 2000  
 52% soybeans  
 25% corn

Genetically Modified

## II. Risks Of Genetically Modified Crops

1. Define the term *glyphosate*.

Glyphosate - biodegradable weed killer  
 (corn + soybeans genetically modified to be resistant)

2. List four concerns about the use of genetically modified crops.

1. Glyphosate-resistant weeds (no weed control alternatives)
2. Allergies to products of genetically modified rice
3. Invasive genetically modified plants (Monsanto)
4. Pest resistance to genetically modified toxins

## III. Gene Technology In Animal Farming

1. Why is altering the growth hormone gene (Somatotrophin) important to farmers?

Increase size + production (milk)  
 → Greater profits!!!

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2. Define the term *transgenic animals*.

Transgenic Animals - animals that have foreign DNA in their cells

3. How are human proteins made using transgenic animals?

- ① Human genes added to farm animals
- ② Farm animal produces complex human proteins in milk
- ③ Proteins extracted from milk by pharmaceutical companies

4. Who cloned the first sheep on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 1996?

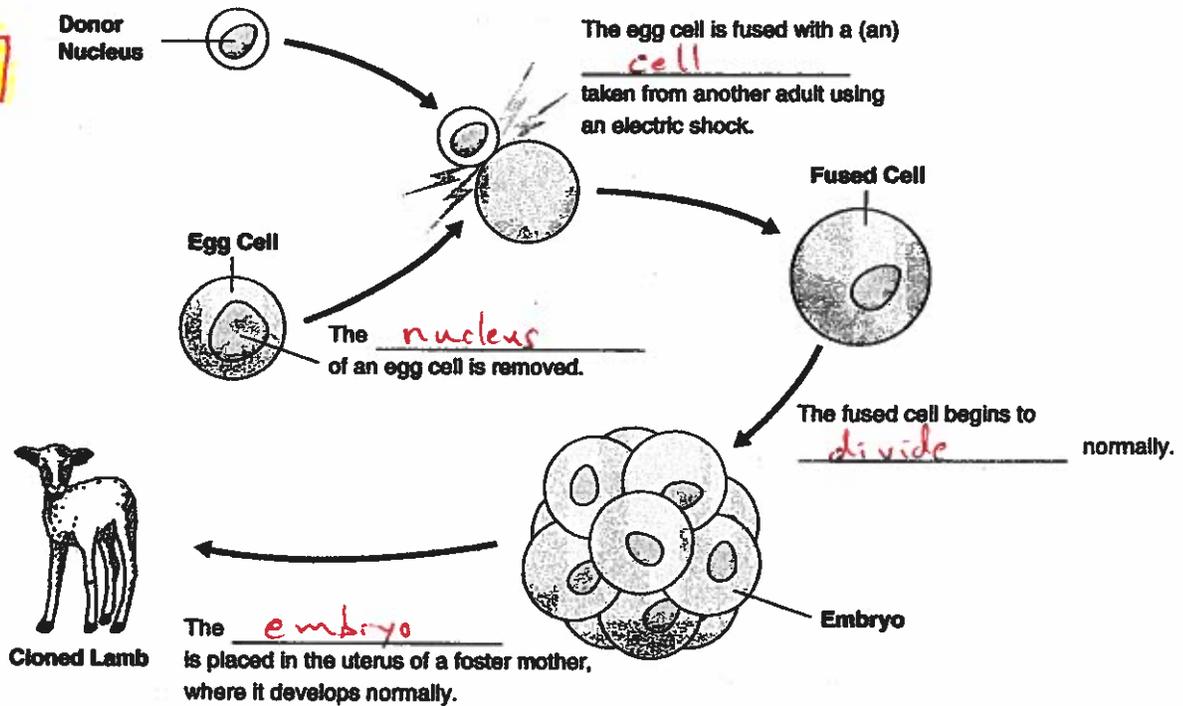
Ian Wilmut

Dolly (sheep)

↳ Bonnie (offspring)

5. Complete the sentences in the diagram below to show the steps in cloning a sheep.

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#### IV. Problems With Cloning

1. Define the term genomic imprinting.

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Genomic Imprinting - process of conditioning DNA during early stages of development (turns genes "on" + "off")

2. Why has the absence of genomic imprinting led to problems with clones as adults?

Normally genomic imprinting takes months + years (Cloning = minutes → critical errors in development)

3. The cloning of humans is illegal in most countries.

Circle One : True False

- What happens if it goes wrong?  
- Are there cloned humans on this planet?