

TABLE 1

Reasons that cows in Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI) programs exit the milking herd, 2010 and 2015

Cows that ...	Reason	(Percent of entire herd)		(Percent of cows leaving herd)	
		2015	2010	2015	2010
Stayed in the herd	Lactation ended normally	63.7	66.8	(NA)	(NA)
Were sold for dairy purposes		3.3	3.5	(NA)	(NA)
Were sold for slaughter	Locomotion problems	1.4	1.6	4.3	5.4
	Low production	6.5	4.7	19.8	16.0
	Reproduction problems	4.8	4.6	14.6	15.6
	Unspecified reasons	10.1	9.0	30.8	30.7
	Mastitis or high somatic cell scores	4.5	3.8	13.8	12.8
	Undesirable conformation	0.0	<0.1	0.0	<0.1
	Bad behavior	0.0	<0.1	0.0	0.1
Died		5.4	5.6	16.7	19.2

NA/Not applicable

Source: Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding, based on Dairy Herd Improvement records
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