

TABLE 2

Main changes in USDA genetic-economic indexes for dairy cattle and the percentage of relative emphasis on traits included in the indexes

Traits included	USDA genetic-economic index (and year introduced)						
	NM\$ (2000)	NM\$ (2003)	NM\$ (2006)	NM\$ (2010)	NM\$ (2014)	NM\$ (2017)	NM\$ (2018)
Milk	5	0	0	0	-1	-1	-1
Fat	21	22	23	19	22	24	27
Protein	36	33	23	16	20	18	17
PL	14	11	17	22	19	13	12
SCS	-9	-9	-9	-10	-7	-7	-4
BSC/BWC	-4	-3	-4	-6	-5	-6	-5
Udder composite	7	7	6	7	8	7	7
Feet/legs composite	4	4	3	4	3	3	3
DPR	...	7	9	11	7	7	7
CA\$	...	...	6	5	5	5	5
HCR	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
CCR	...	...	...	...	2	2	2
LIV	...	...	...	...	...	7	7
HTH\$	...	...	...	...	...	...	2

Source: "Net merit as a measure of lifetime profit: 2018 revision," P.M. VanRaden, J.B. Cole, and K.L. Parker Gaddis