



SimHerds funktionaliteter i forbindelse med holdbarhed

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First a few key observations about cows leaving

When Cows Leave and Risk of Leaving the Herd

MN DHIA data (10/96 - 10/01)

624,614 Cows Leaving
From ~2,800 Herds

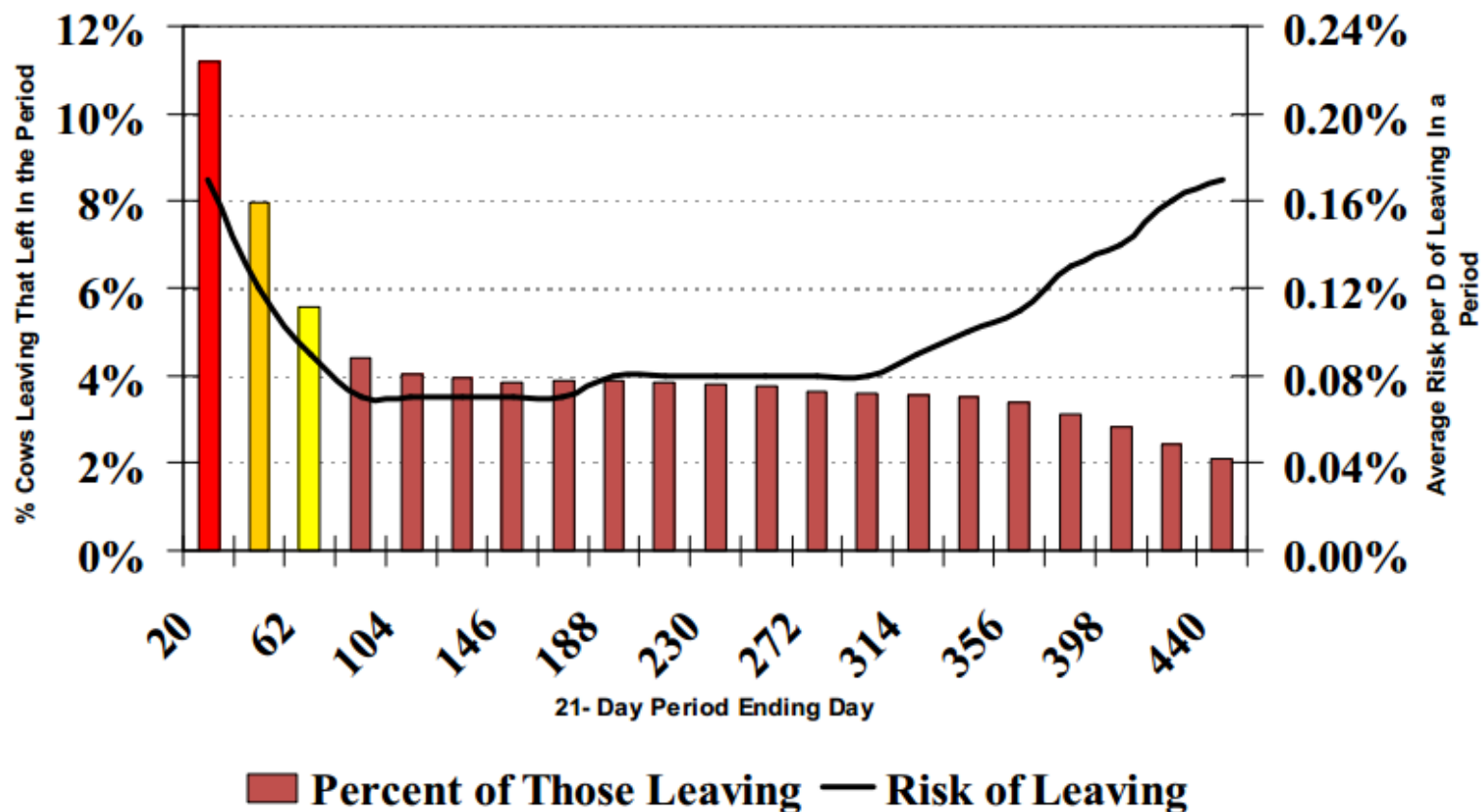


Figure 1. When cows leave the herd and risk of leaving the herd (MN DHIA data, October 1996–October 2001). © MWPS (Midwest Plan Service), Iowa State University, Ames, IA, www.mwpsHQ.org. Used with permission: 4-State Applied Nutrition and Management Conference. MWPS-4SD16.

Probability of cows dying or being sold

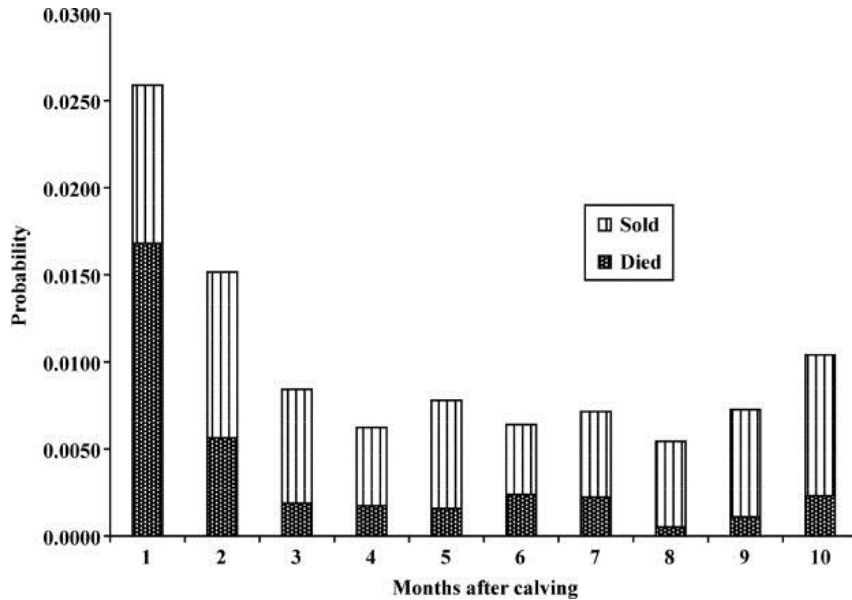


Figure 1. Probability of a cow dying (dotted pattern) or being culled (vertical lines) in 5,500 first lactations in 5 New York State dairy herds.

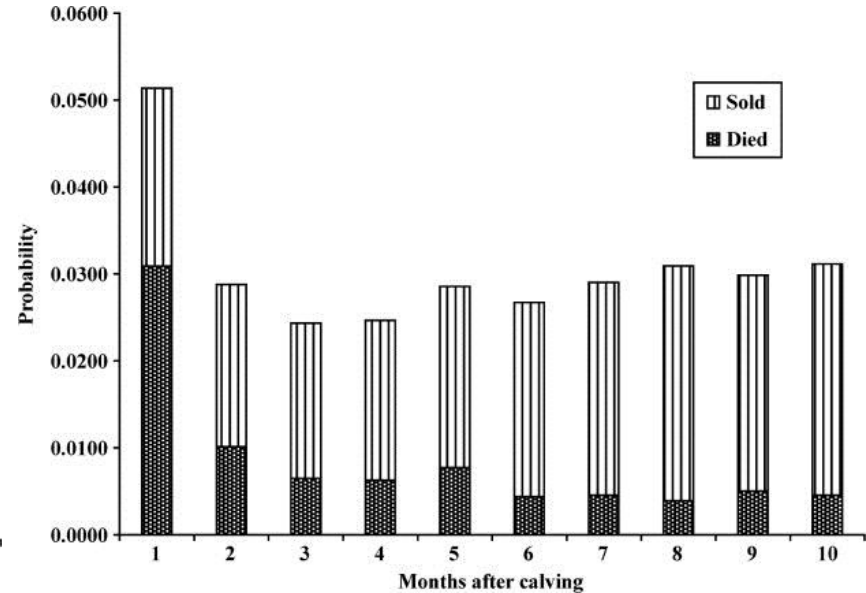


Figure 2. Probability of a cow dying (dotted pattern) or being culled (vertical lines) in 10,645 multiparous lactations in 5 New York State dairy herds.

D. Bar, Y.T. [Gröhn](#), G. Bennett, R.N. González, J.A. [Hertl](#), H.F. Schulte, L.W. [Tauer](#), F.L. Welcome, Y.H. [Schukken](#)

Effects of Repeated Episodes of Generic Clinical Mastitis on Mortality and Culling in Dairy Cows

Journal of Dairy Science, Volume 91, Issue 6, 2008, 2196–2204

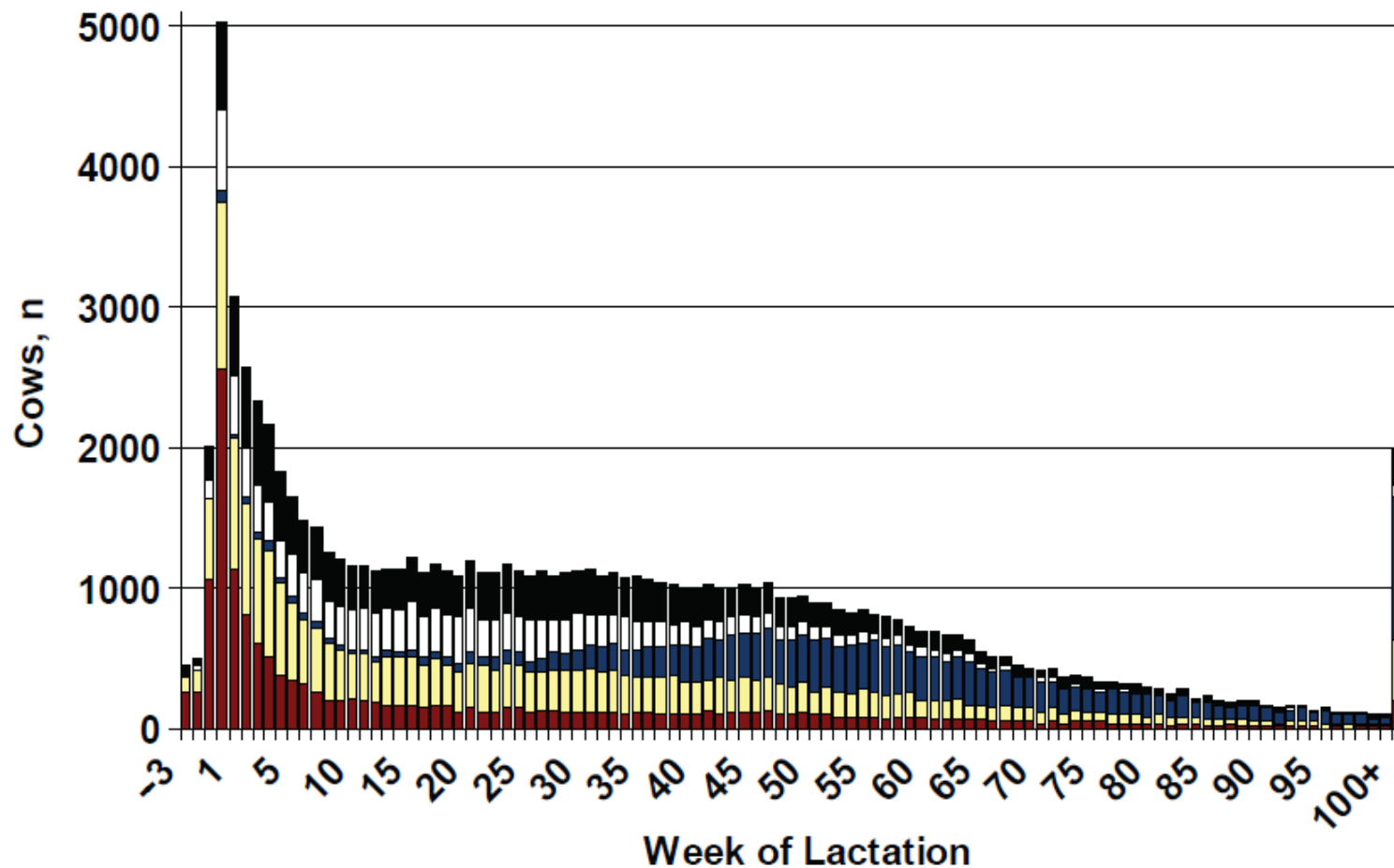


Figure 1. Total number of cows (n) that died (red), or were culled with codes corresponding to reproduction (blue), injury/other (yellow), mastitis (white), and all other reasons (black) by week of lactation.

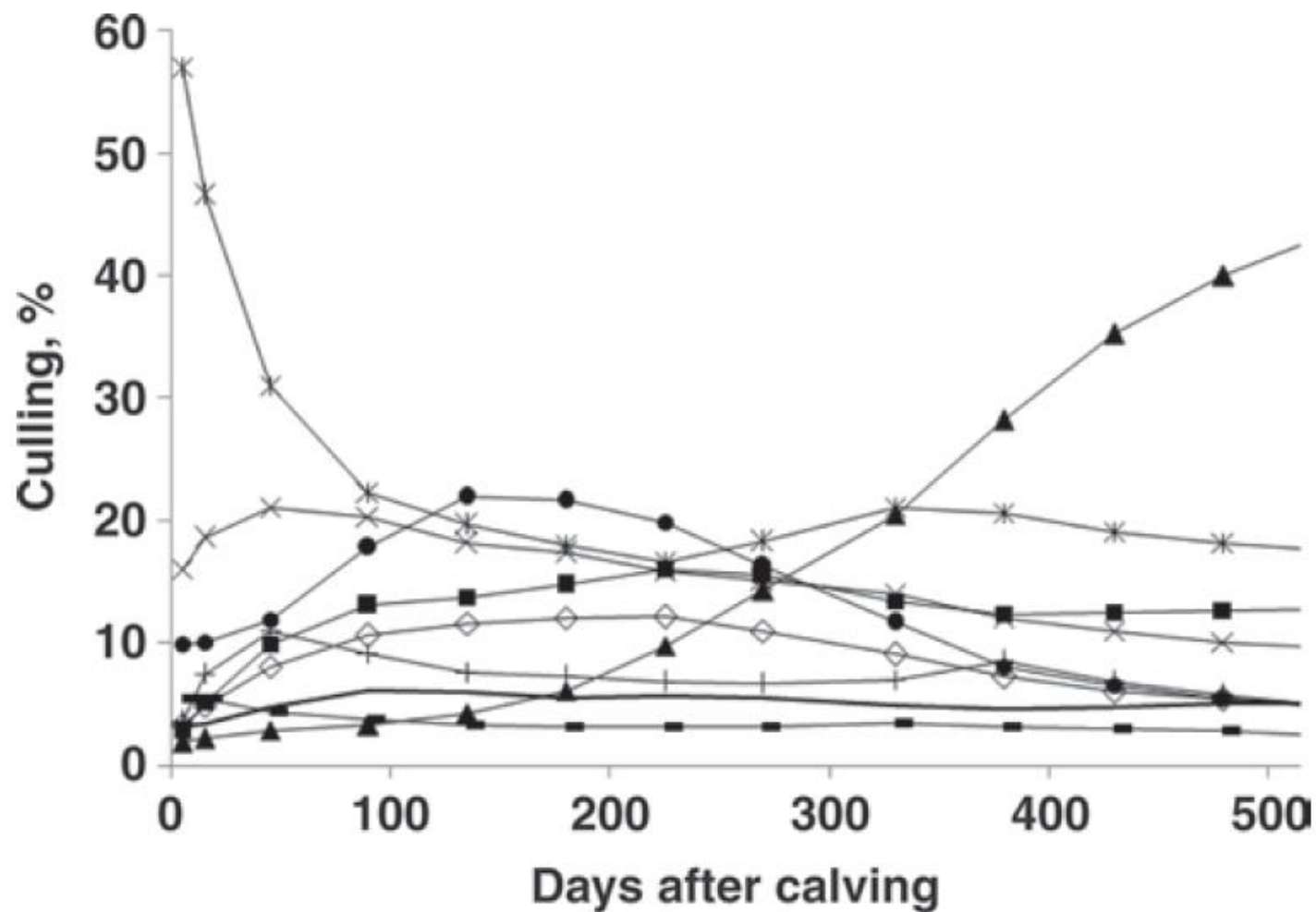


Figure 2. Distribution of culled cows (%) by disposal codes at different stages of lactation (each day is 100%). Disposal codes: feet and legs (◇), low production (■), reproduction (▲), injury/other (x), died (*), mastitis (●), disease (+), udder problems (■), and reason not reported (clean line).

SimHerd modeling of cows leaving the herd

When a cow is leaving the herd in SimHerd

Types of culling

- Death
- Involuntary culling
- Voluntary culling

Sub models for cows leaving the herd in SimHerd

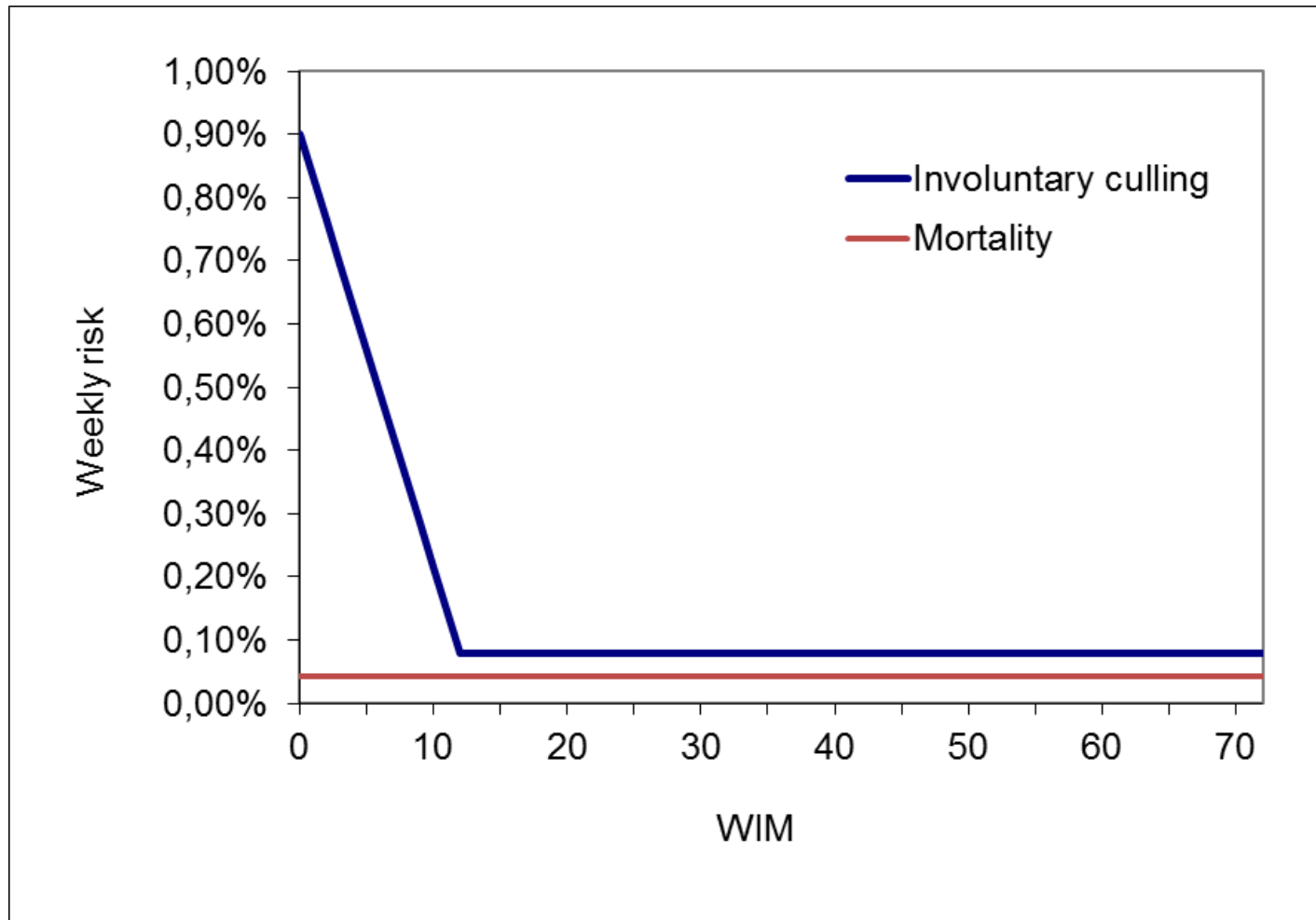
- **Death** – leaving for processing
 - Breed, Diseases
 - Other reasons not modelled directly (health problems, accidents)

- **Involuntary culling** - leaving for slaughtering
 - Breed, Parity, DIM
 - Other reasons not modelled directly (health problems, ugly, stupid, do not fit in)
 - Time of leaving the herd
 - When event is triggered

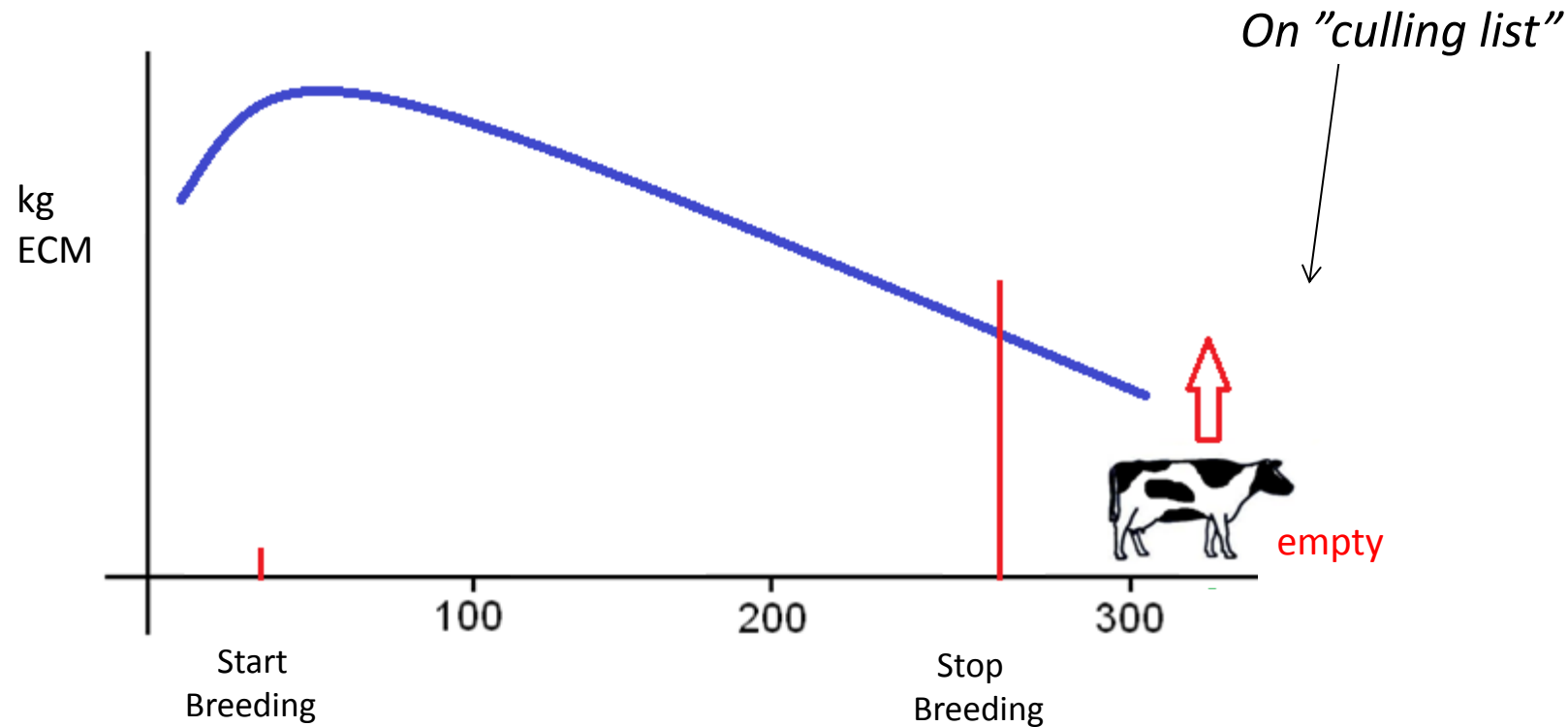
Sub models for cows leaving the herd in SimHerd

- **Voluntary culling** - leaving for slaughtering
 - Put on culling list
 - No pregnancy
 - Insemination period
 - » Breed, parity, disease, milk yield
 - Failed to conceive
 - Time of leaving the herd
 - Milk yield in herd mates
 - Pregnant heifers
 - Absolute threshold for low milk yield (e.g. 10 kg) or advanced DIM

Involuntary culling and mortality (residual) in SimHerd (Death due to modelled diseases not included)

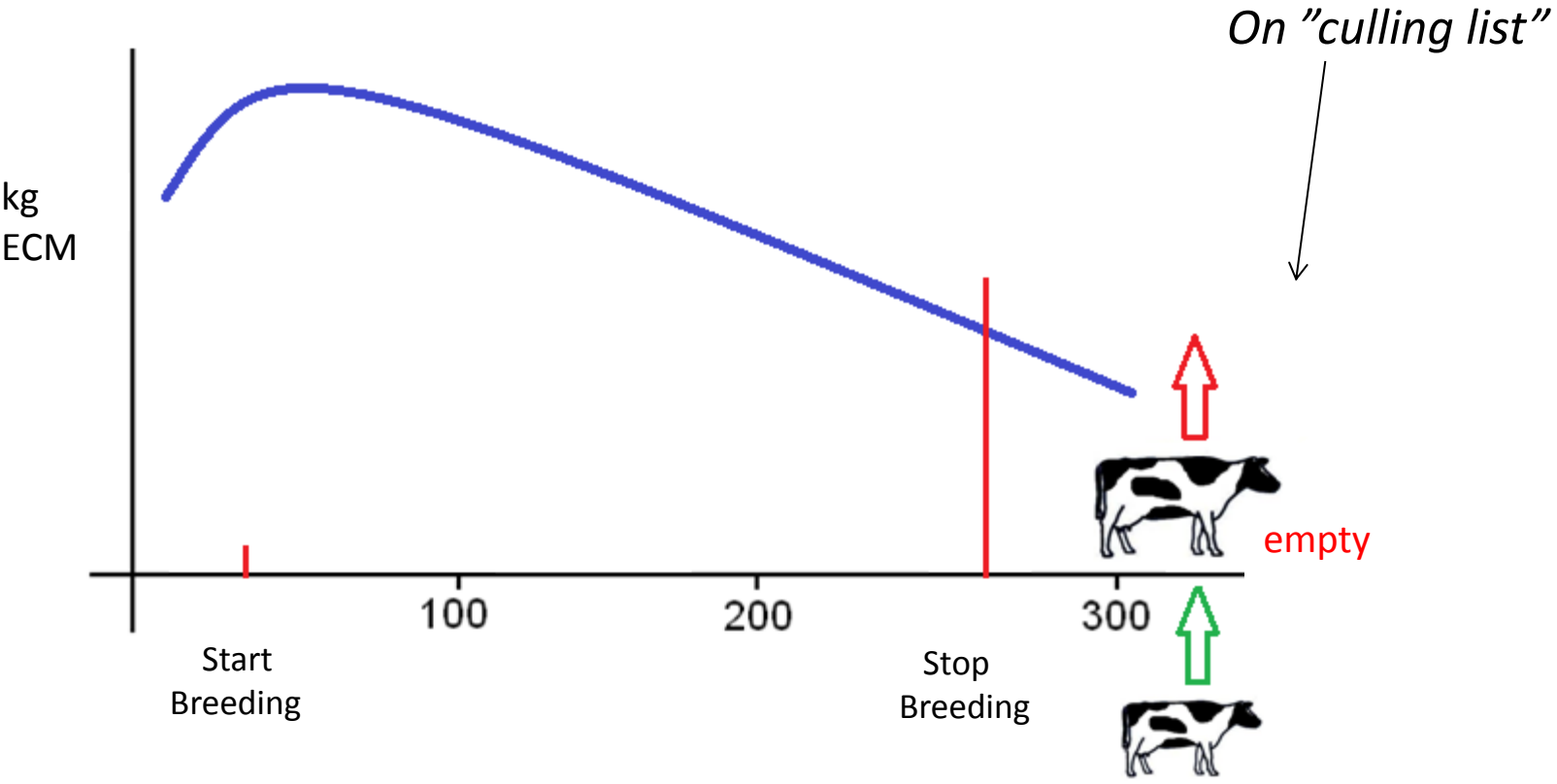


Involuntary culling in SimHerd



- Cow has exceeded "max number of days open" → culling list
- Stop breeding depending on cow MY level, health and parity

Involuntary culling in SimHerd



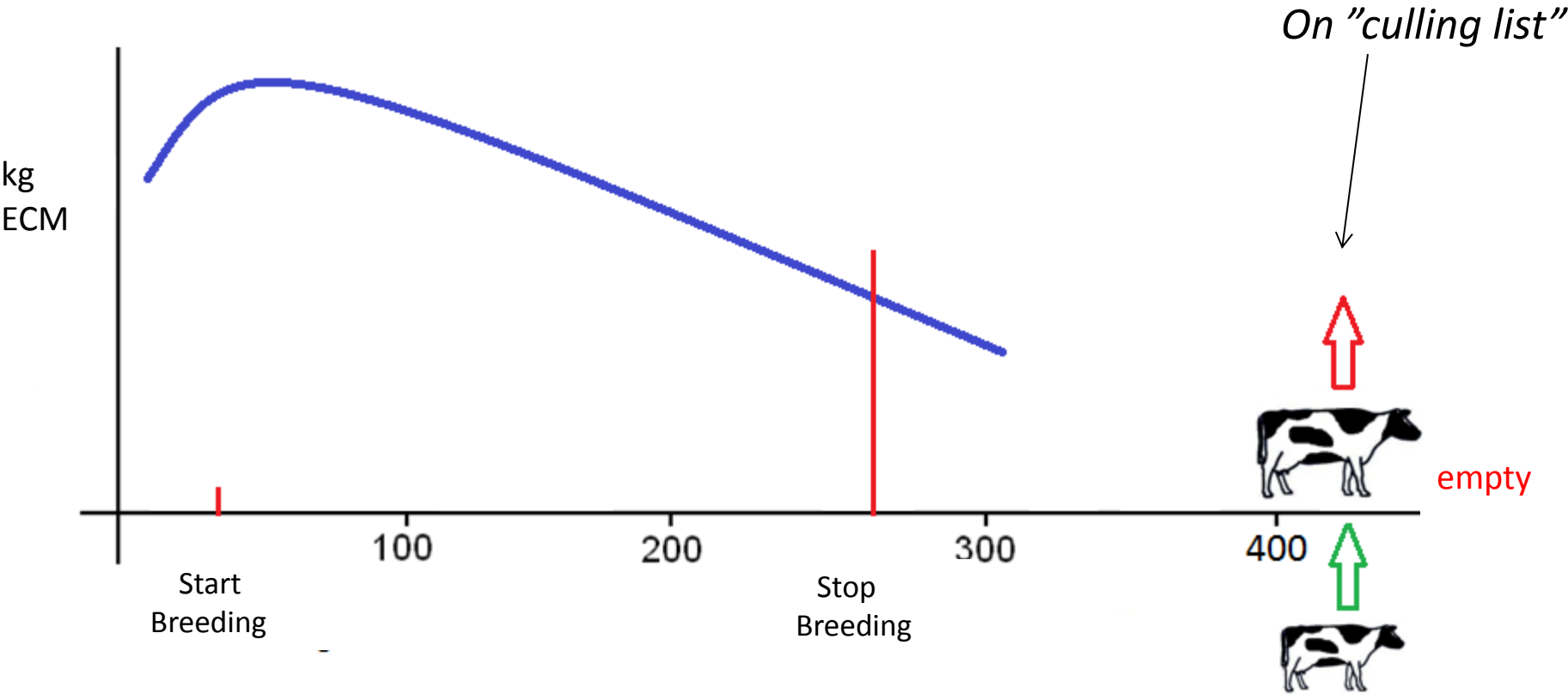
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Reproduction and Culling in SimHerd

Mechanistic

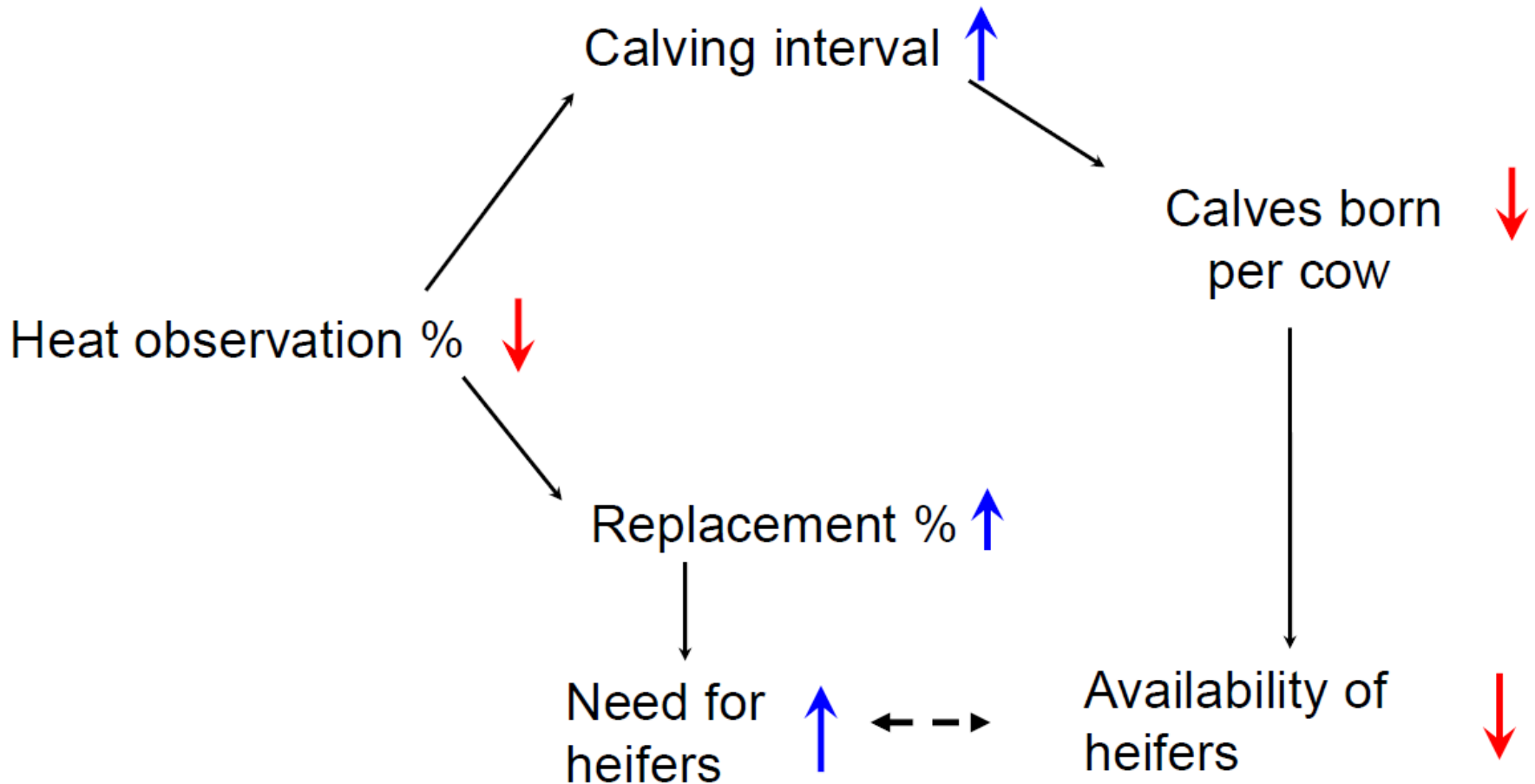
More heifers available
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Faster replacement



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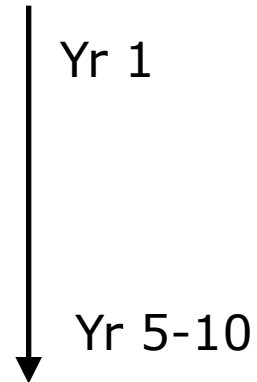
Examples of mechanisms and dynamics in a herd



Need for heifers **rises** immediately, difficulty with replacement increase **additionally after 3 years** when **availability** of heifers **falls**

The complex and lengthy effect on culling after a change in reproduction efficiency

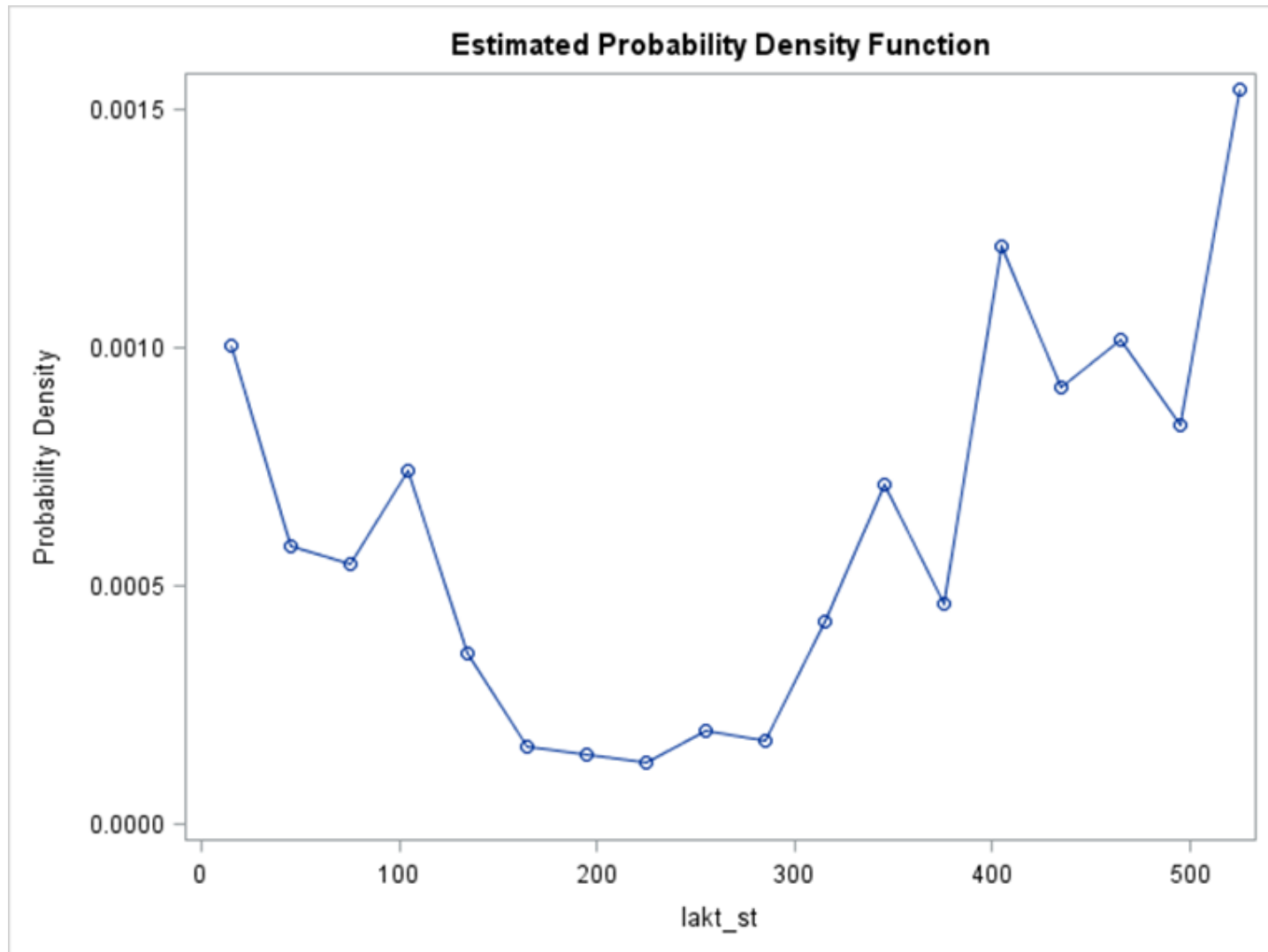
- Improved repro affect the herd slowly:
 - More cows get pregnant
 - **Less cows are culled due to lack of pregnancy**
 - Shorter calving interval
 - More calves and heifers
 - **Earlier culling of cows**
 - New distribution of parities and DIM



Examples of culling/longevity simulated with the SimHerd model

Culling profile: (not standard output from SimHerd)

Scenario with replacement rate of 0.38 and mean DIM of 209
(Profile adjustment mainly through involuntary culling profile)



SimHerd simulation: Good health herd

Scenario: Reduced involuntary culling rate: 30 tkr/yr

Besætningsdynamik og ungdyr (gns. af år 6 til 10)

	Nudrift	Scenarie	Forskel	
Antal årskøer	200	200	0	
Antal kælvinger	212	214	1	
Udskiftningsprocent	39,2	38,3	-0,9	
- Antal ufrivillige udsætninger og dødelighed	35	30	-5	
- Antal frivillige udsætninger	44	47	3	
Antal malkeår pr. ko	2,5	2,6	0,1	1/udpct
Livsydelse i alt pr. ko, kg EKM	25063	25785	722	Årsydelse/malkeår
Dødfødsel, pct.	6,5	6,3	-0,1	
Kalvedødelighed efter fødsel, pct.	7,0	6,8	-0,2	
Antal fødte tyrekalve (renracet)	103	104	1	
Antal fødte krydsningskalve (kvier + tyre)	0	0	0	
Antal købte kvier	0	0	0	
Antal solgte kvier	2	5	2	

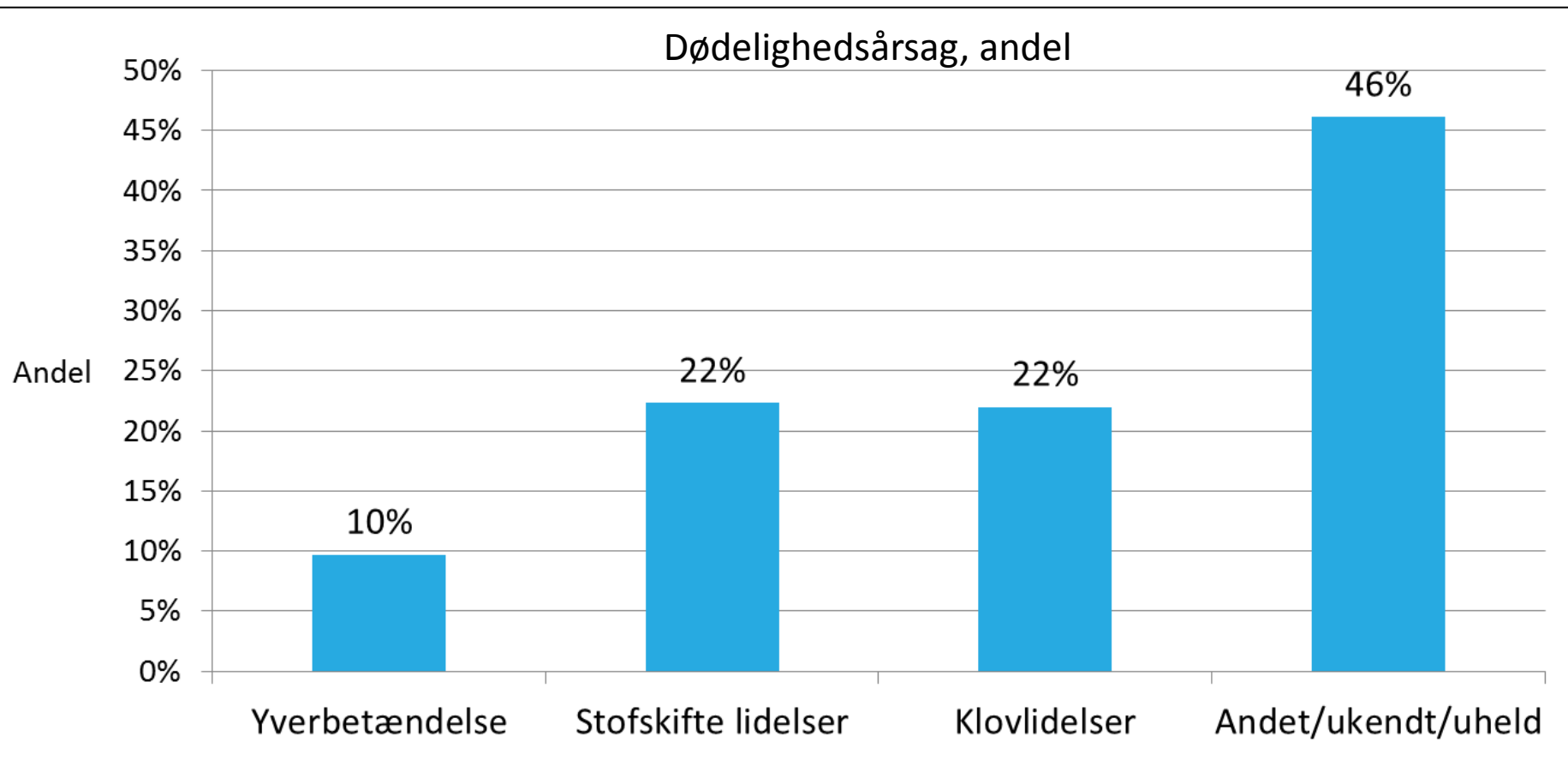
SimHerd simulation: Average herd

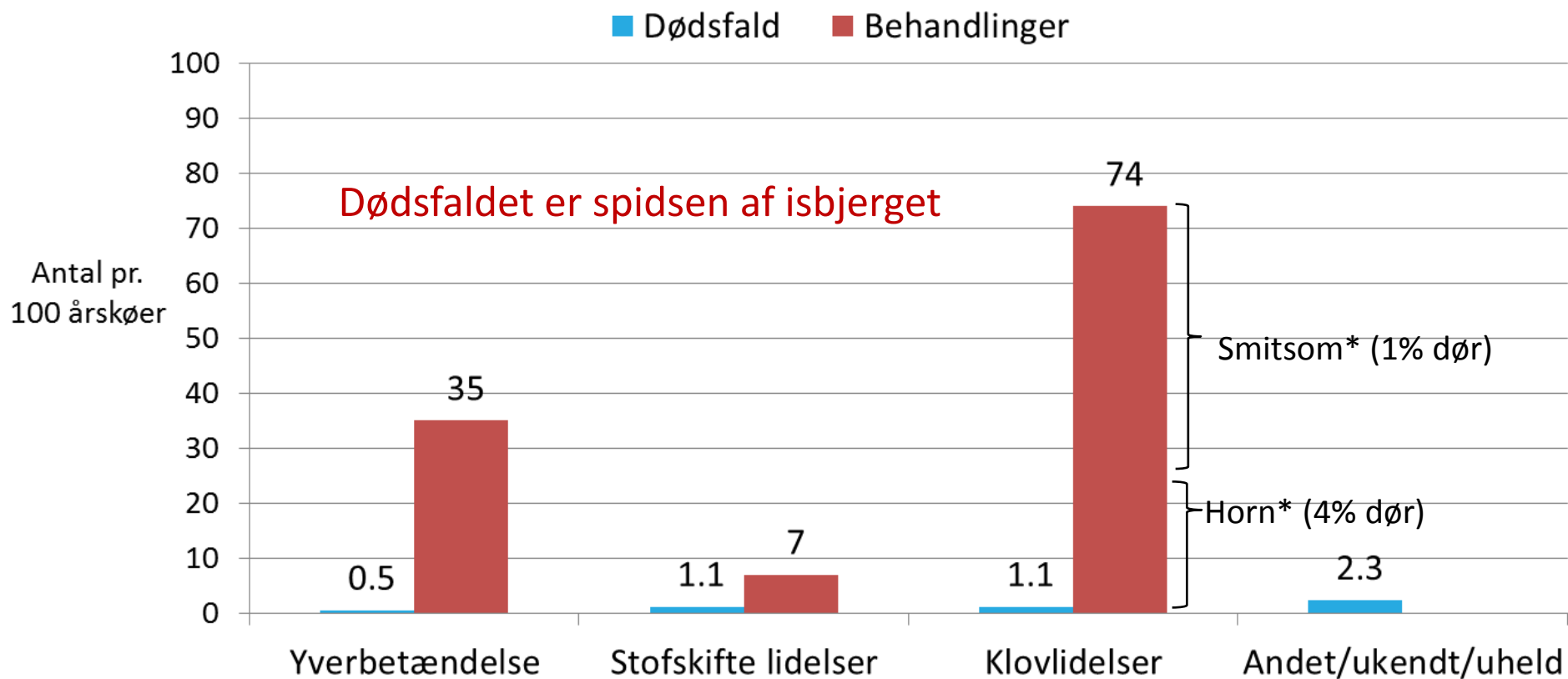
Scenario: Reduced cow mortality (other causes): 55 tkr/yr

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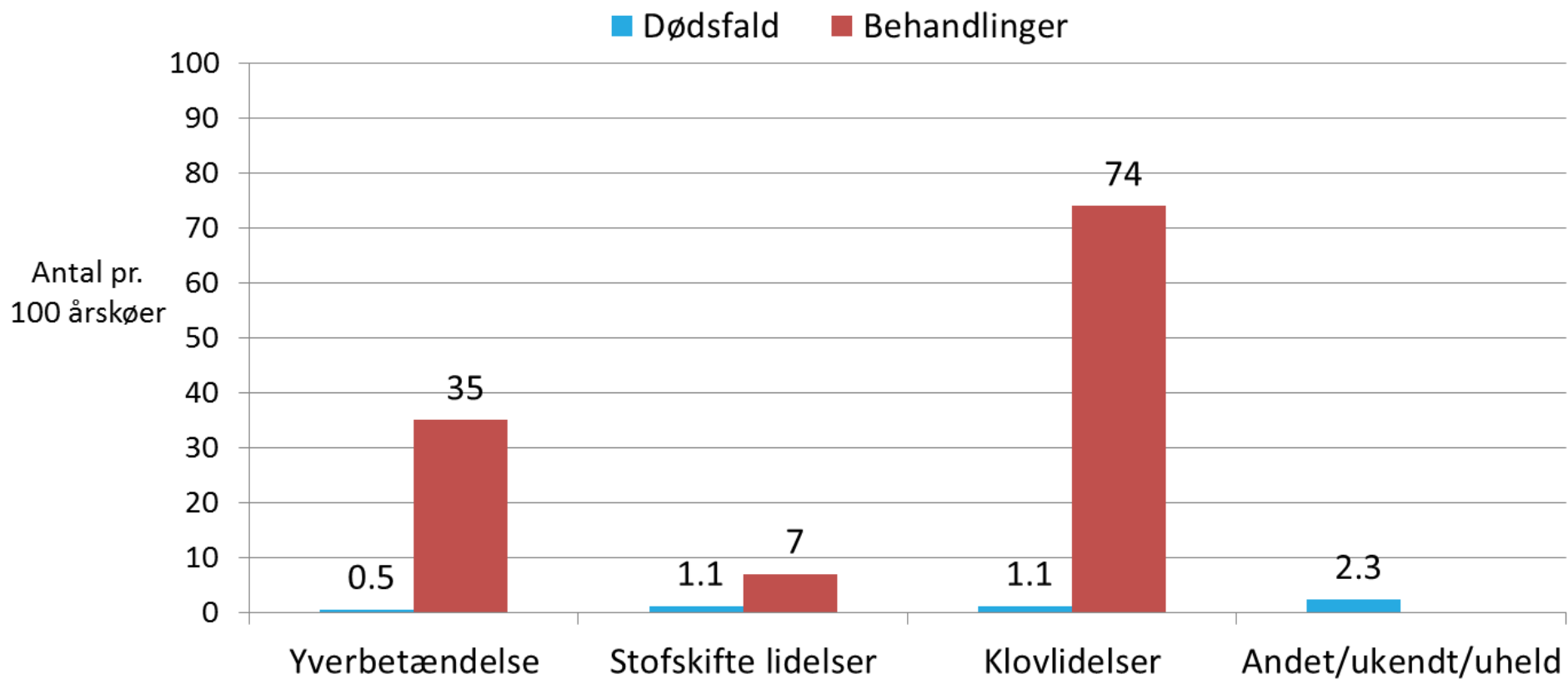
1) Hvad giver en halvering af ko dødelighed?





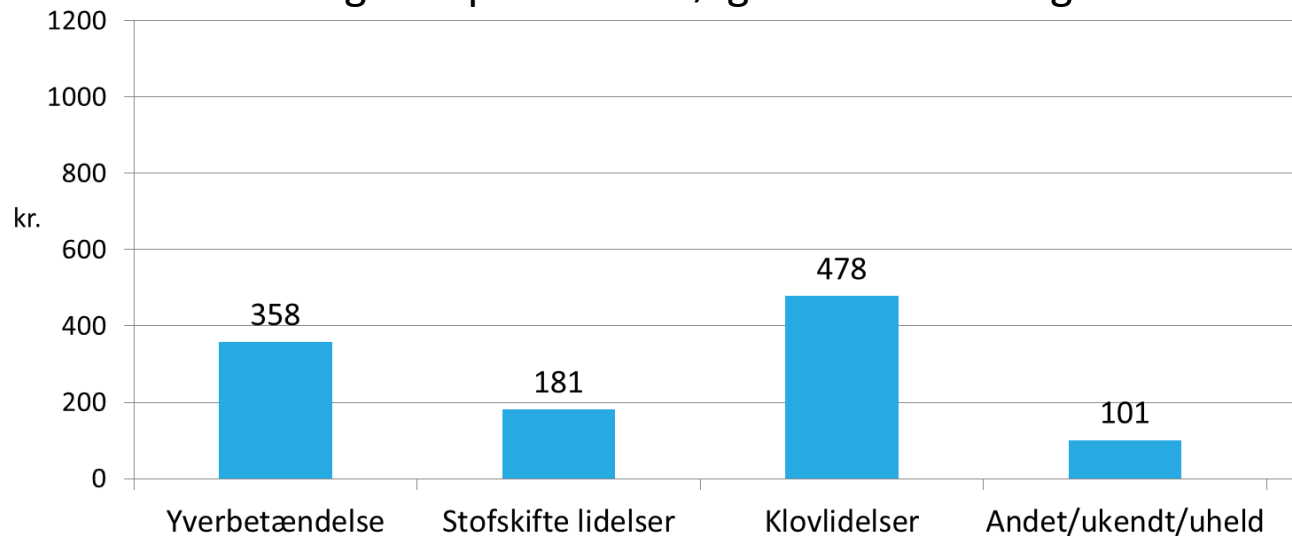
* Hyppigheden pr. årsko af DD er 3 gange større end forekomst ved klovbeskæring, som blot er et øjebliksbillede (Ettema 2009, PhD afhandling)

For hver halt ko der dør, er der 67 som halter rundt, som falder i ydelsen, som skal behandles, som ikke bliver drægtige...

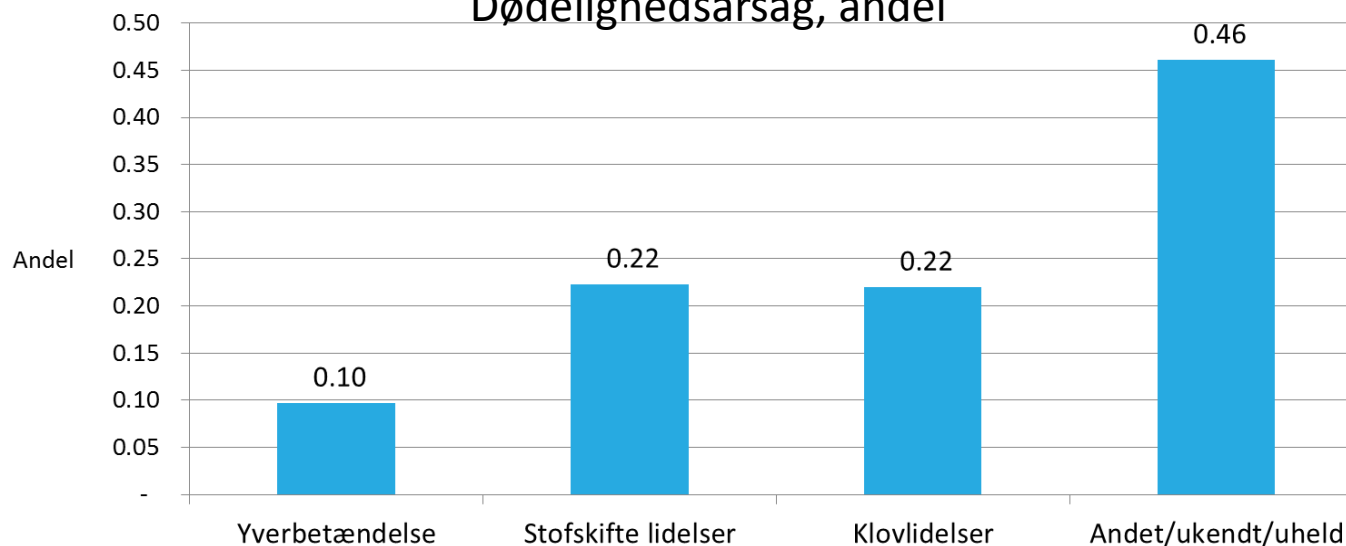


Hvad skal vi gøre, for at halvere dødeligheden?

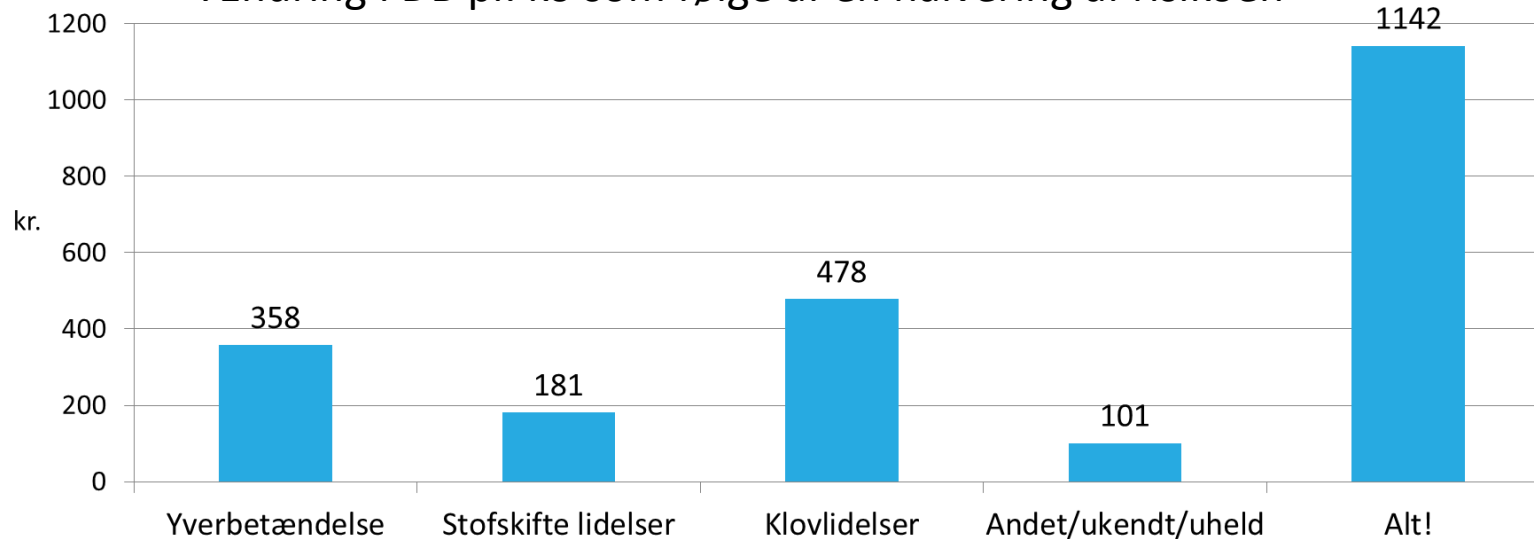
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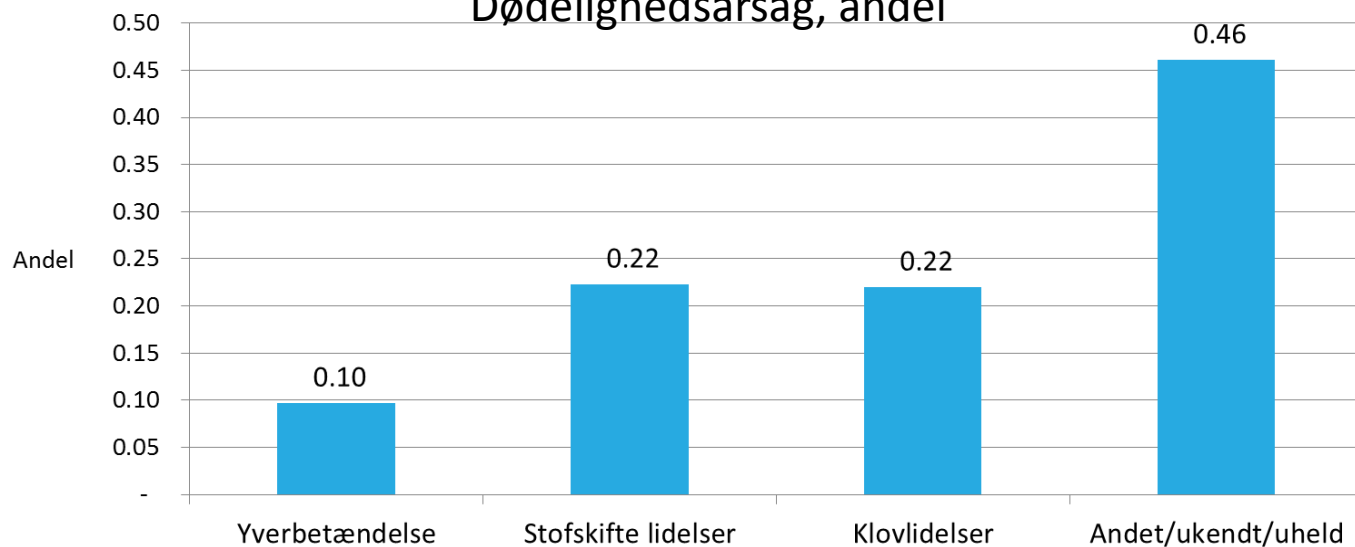
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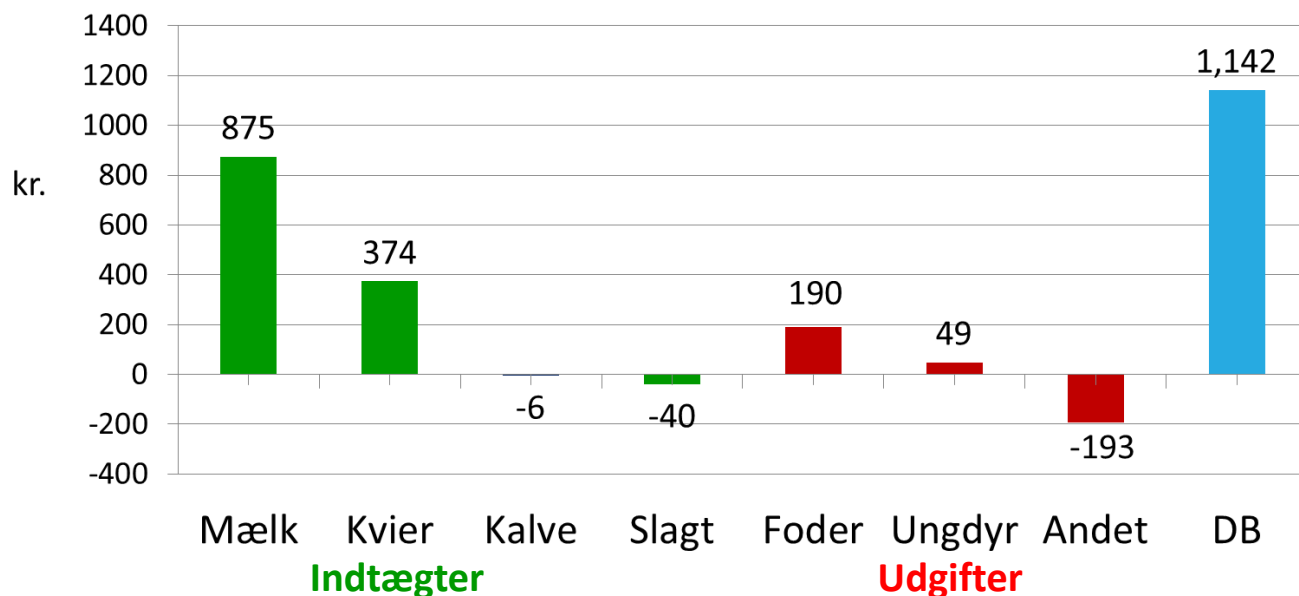
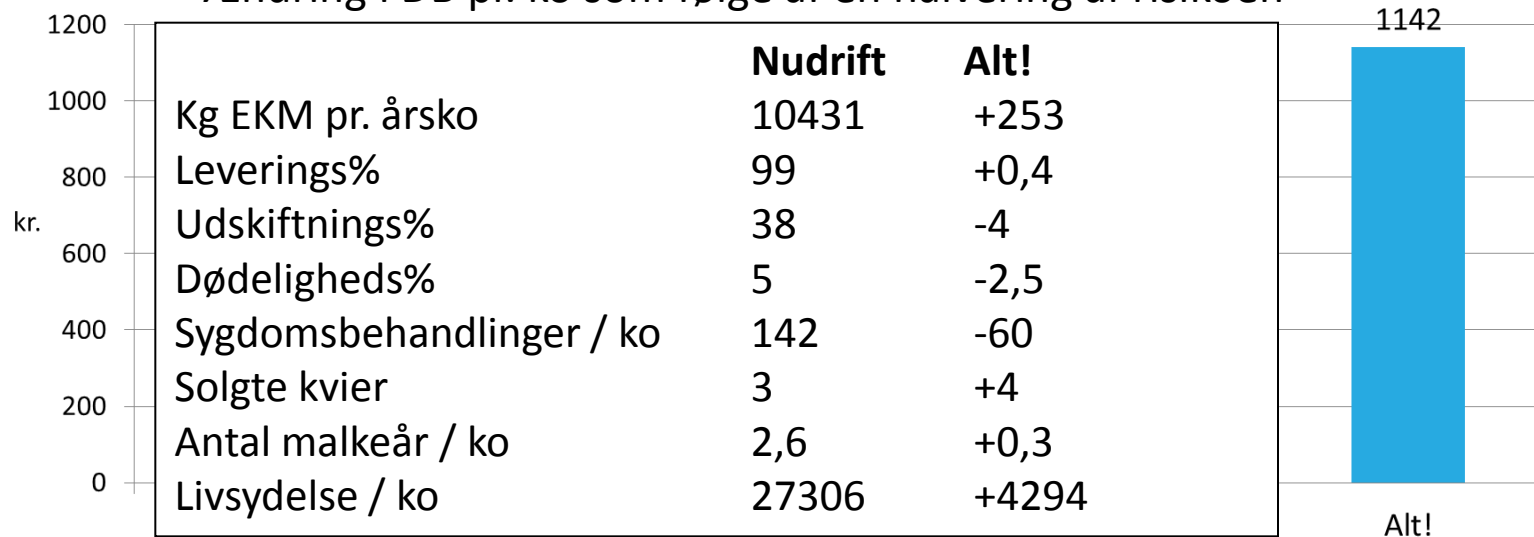
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Hvor kommer pengene fra?

Case example

How does calf mortality affect culling
in 2 herds



Economic impact of reducing calf mortality in 2 herds:

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	Current situation	Scenario Calf mortality x 0.5	Current situation	Scenario Calf mortality x 0.5
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Replacement rate	34		33	
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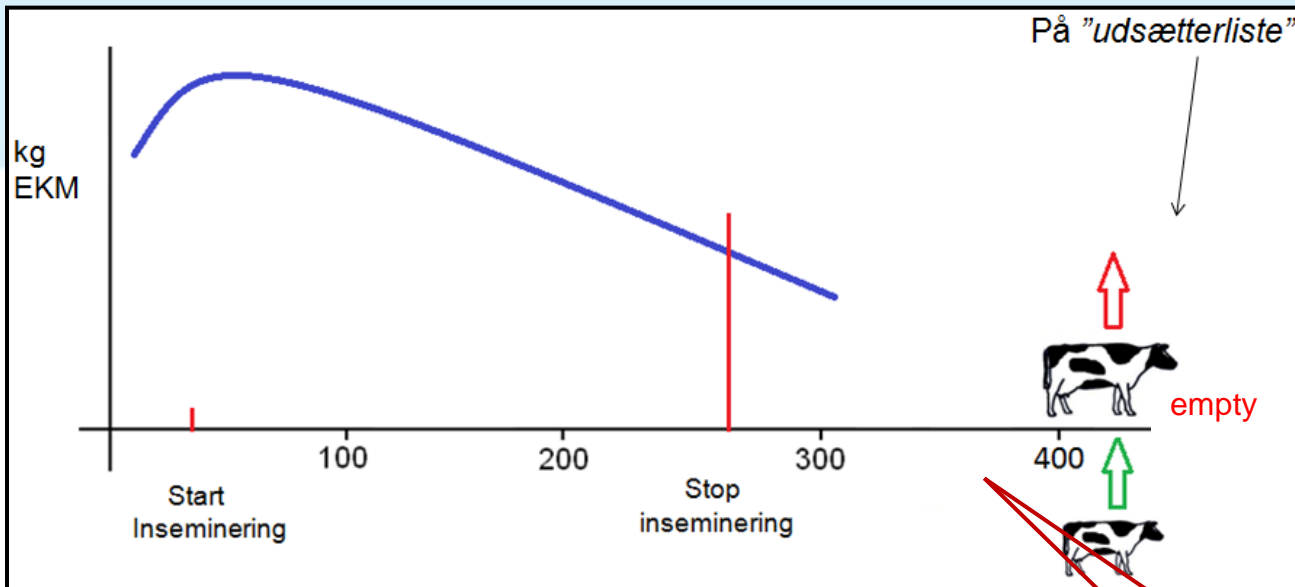
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Replacement rate	34	+0,2	33	+4
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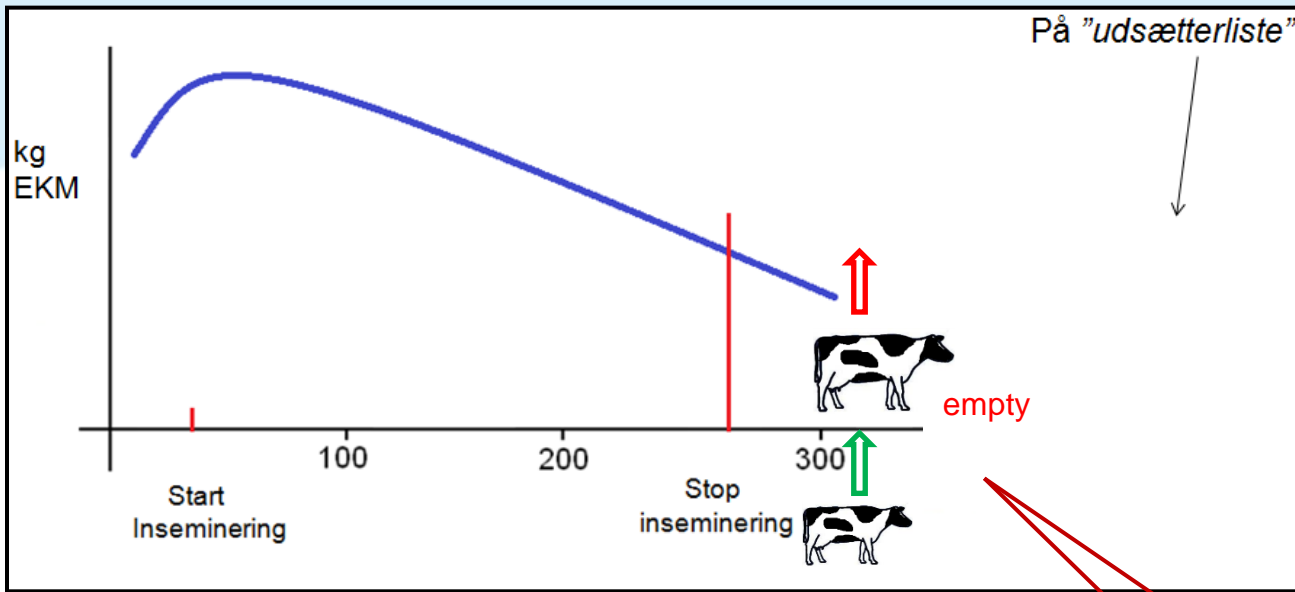


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