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Survival Rates and Productive Herd Life of Dairy Cattle in the United States *By Hare et al., page 3713.* Survival rates of US Ayrshires, Brown Swiss, Guernseys, Holsteins, and Jerseys over time were examined by parity and productive herd life. Numbers of parities, productive herd life, and survival rates have decreased. The trend for decline of many of those indicators of longevity slowed or ended after the early 1990s. For cows with the most recent first calvings (1994) that had an opportunity to survive through parity 8, mean number of parities ranged from 2.41 for Guernseys to 3.20 for Jerseys.