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***Short Communication: Genetic Evaluation of Milking Speed for Brown Swiss Dairy Cattle in the United States.*** *By Wiggans et al., page 1021.* In 2004, the Brown Swiss Association began collecting data on milking speed, a trait of particular interest to international breeders. Milking speed was rated by owners on a scale of 1 (slow) to 8 (fast). Brown Swiss milking speed was estimated to be 22% heritable and correlated to productive life and somatic cell score, indicating that milking speed may affect profitability. Genetic evaluations for Brown Swiss milking speed were released in May 2006.