

## Smith

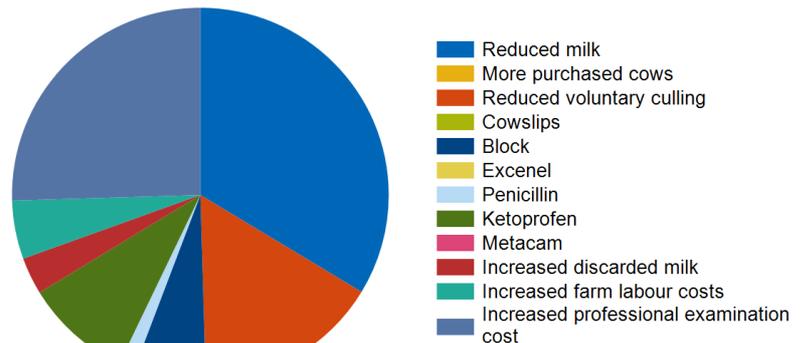
### What to do:

1. Lameness score your cows on a regular basis to detect and monitor success in preventing lameness
2. Use low stress stock handling techniques to reduce levels of lameness
3. Maintain and repair tracks and surfaces to reduce hoof injuries
4. Seek advice from vet/hof trimmer about preventing and treating lameness

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<b>Calving per year</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Lameness episodes</b>	(rather than 25) <b>50</b>
<b>Becoming lame</b>	(rather than 23) <b>45</b>
	(rather than 5%) <b>9%</b>

### Where the cost come from



<b>Estimated average cost per lameness episode</b>	<b>\$261</b>
<b>Estimated financial effects total</b>	<b>\$6,536</b>

### Physical effects

<b>Reduced milk production</b> (milk solids)	673kg
	9,225L
<b>Reduced no. voluntary culls</b>	4
<b>Increased purchased cows</b>	0
<b>Increased farm labour for lame cows</b> (person hours)	7

### Financial effects

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<b>Reduced milk income</b> (less additional feed costs)	2,200
<b>Increased costs</b> (due to purchase of more cows)	0
<b>Net income loss</b> (due to reduced voluntary culling)	1,038
<b>Increased cost of materials and drugs</b>	
Cowslips™	0
Blocks	407
Excenel®	0
Penicillin	88
Ketoprofen	600
Meloxicam	0
<b>Increased cost of discarded milk</b>	209
<b>Increased farm labour costs</b>	330
<b>Increased professional examination costs</b>	
Professional treatment	1,665

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