

Weaner Health

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Health Issues affecting Weaner Growth.

Health Issue	Risk Factor	Prevention Measure
Lungworm G I Parasites	Autumn, moist, wet persistent, coughing, Contamination back to paddock weaned on. extended drench intervals. Drench gun maintenance (suboptimal drench dose). Drench timing post weaning. Drench product choices – WHP issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross grazing – older stock, other stock/species. • Crops • Pasture rotation to reduce contamination
Yersiniosis	Feeding, hard frost, post rut weaning may have better equipped weaners, stress, yard set up, low covers, first 3-4 frosts trigger, stress. Over ¾ group vaccinates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vax • reduce stress • feed well • Timing. Vax 1st Feb – March. Better than May
Leptospirosis	Fawn loss – abortion, red water, shedding Wet season/autumn/winter. Waterways, river/pooled water. 7% death, Pomona. Ictero. H & S risk, vaccines cover 2-3 strains, there are 170 strains globally. Lepto programme timing. Stock classes, wild animals.	
Facial Eczema	Autumn/late summer, >12°C soil temp, fungal spores. Climate, N and Central N.I., moisture and pasture length. In fallow deer.	Covers, residuals, zinc sprays, spray paddocks out, fodder crops eg chicory, rape, plantain. Genetic resilience.
Foot abscess	Dirty trucks, yard condition, moisture high, rough concrete	Rubber matting, binatop, oxytetracycline
Social/stress issues	Feed change. Frozen crop affecting intake.	Hinds and fawns well segregated. Secure paddock. Supplement feeding prior to weaning. Group sizes 150-200max. Sample weigh. Good plane of nutrition.
Thiamine Vitamin B1 Deficiency	Blindness, feed change, Rape crop.	Vitamin B1 supplement
Copper	Lowest in winter. Supplement prior to this	Bullets/capsules, Copper injection, optigrow liver levels, soil copper levels.
Misadventure	Cliffs. Fawns through fences. Ducks!	
Ticks	Worse in red deer. Less in fallow.	BAYTICOL – just before fawning, (winter/early spring, Aug/September). Stags after velvet. Pyton ear tags –

		bilaterally.
Pasture quality/T.E.		
Fuso		
Aeidosis		
Johnes	Feed	
Se Deficiency	sudden death soon after arrival	
AHP		