BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR EHDV VACCINATION OF FARMED DEER

500+ deer farms in Florida.

64 of 67 counties have deer farms.

24% of farmed deer deaths between 2015 - 2022 are from EHDV.

25 counties reported farmed deer deaths from EHDV between 2015 - 2022

WHO TO VACCINATE
- Only healthy deer
- Fawns and yearlings, the most susceptible age groups
- Valuable does and bucks
- Animals for shipping

WHEN VACCINATE
- Fawns: ideally, ~ 4 weeks after birth; practically, during weaning
- Initial vaccination requires a booster 2-4 weeks after first dose
- Booster annually in early spring or summer
- 6 weeks prior to shipping

WHY VACCINATE
- EHDV is the #1 cause of deer deaths in Florida
- New vaccines reduce mortality by 50%

HOW TO VACCINATE
- By hand with a syringe in the neck or rump, OR by dart to the rump
- Follow the manufacturer's directions
- Always keep the vaccine refrigerated
- If giving multiple vaccine injections, use different areas of the body

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