

# NOTHING BEATS LEPTOSPIROSIS IN DEER LIKE HARD FACTS



Here's a surprising fact: only one company has published research on how its leptospirosis vaccines work under New Zealand's unique conditions. The evidence behind the benefits of vaccination in deer is now compelling.

The latest Massey University research has repeated findings of an earlier study and shown positive reproductive and growth rate benefits by controlling leptospirosis by vaccination of deer with Leptavoid<sup>1</sup>.

Leptospire have been found to be present in 83 percent of the deer herds surveyed<sup>2</sup>. Infected deer may suffer kidney damage, loss of blood in their urine and loss of production. Besides the risk to animal health and productivity, leptospirosis also presents

a health risk to anyone who works with infected deer – you, your workers, your family and the workers that process your deer.

Vaccination of deer is not only good risk management, it is also good for your farm productivity. Talk to your veterinarian about a Leptavoid deer vaccination programme.

**Leptavoid.** The only leptospirosis vaccine developed and researched to work in New Zealand conditions – and proven to contribute to the success of deer production.\*

\*Refers to data available in the market place.

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