

***NEWBORN KIDS WITH WEAK LEGS  
SELENIUM AND VITAMIN E***

This year has been a serious drought year in most of Texas, and many other states. The source of Vitamins A and E is fresh green vegetation. In the absence of fresh green vegetation, deficiency can occur.

Selenium is dependent on Vitamin E: Selenium and Vitamin E work synergistically: Both have to be present at the same time, and in adequate amounts. Bo SE, MuSe, and other Selenium injectables do not have much Vitamin E in them. It is only a token amount. So, even if you live in an area where there is adequate Selenium in the environment, you can have deficiency in Vitamin E, and have symptoms of white muscle disease.

I very seldom have kids born with leg weakness. This year, several of my young does, carrying triplets has one or more kid with weak back legs, and one doe had a kid weak in all four legs. The kids were otherwise normal. I treated for floppy, and gave Thiamin: with NO results. I tried one tenth cc of MuSE, no results in 24 hours. The next day, I took a 200mg capsule of Vitamin E, pierced the end with a needle, and gave it orally. In 6 hours the kid stood, and walked. Since then I have treated with Vitamin E first, and the kids stand right away. I increased the Vitamin A and E in my feed, and this problem stopped. Vitamin E is available in an injectable form from your vet.

If you are having a problem with kids that are spraddle legged, you may want to increase the Vitamin E in your mineral or feed, or give the does some Vitamin E prior to kidding. Vitamins E and A are both stored. Ask your vet about injectable Vitamin E, and appropriate doses for kids and does.

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