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| **Venison Production Cycle in New Zealand** |  |
| **Year 1.** | **Breeding Hinds** | **Fawns** |
| **November** | “Fawning” or “Calving” | Fawns born |
| **December** | Fawning | Fawns born |
| **January** |  |  |
| **February** |  |  |
| **March** | Surplus hinds removed from the herd. | Weaning – removing fawns from hinds |
| **April** | Stags put with hinds for mating |
| **May** | Stags removed from Hinds |
| **June** | Pregnancy scanning |  |
| **July** | Non-pregnant hinds sent for processing |
| **August** |  | First kill of largest new season animals (8 months old) |
| **September** |  | Sent for slaughter as they hit target weights |
| **October** |  | Sent for slaughter as they hit target weights |
| **Year 2** |  | **Yearlings - Year 2** |
| **November** |  | Now called yearlings drafted as they hit target weights |
| **December** |  | Yearlings drafted as they hit target weights |
| **January** |  | Yearlings drafted as they hit target weights |
| **February** |  | Yearlings drafted as they hit target weights |
| **March** |  | Yearlings drafted as they hit target weights |
| **April** |  | Yearlings drafted as they hit target weights |
| **May** |  | Females not needed as breeding replacements sent for slaughter |
| **June** |  | Females not needed as breeding replacements sent for slaughter |
| **July** |  | Females not needed as breeding replacements sent for slaughter |