

RESEARCH NOTE

Mortality pattern of infectious bursal disease in commercial layer poultry farms

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ABSTRACT..... Infectious bursal disease (IBD) is a highly contagious viral disease of great economic importance in layer poultry causing a mortality rate of up to 30%. Hence, a study on the mortality pattern of this disease was undertaken. The data on mortality due to IBD alone and mixed infections with Newcastle disease, Colibacillosis and Coccidiosis according to the season and age was recorded. The results revealed that the mortality due to IBD alone and mixed infections was significantly ($P < 0.01$) higher during summer and between the age group of 7-8 weeks.

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