



## **The Culquoich Story**



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# Strathdon Deer

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## Our Farm: Facts & Figures

Deer Fenced Area	2004	2014
Improved Grass	46 acres	136 acres
Rough Grazing	<u>34 acres</u>	<u>54 acres</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>80 acres</b>	<b>190 acres</b>
<b>Deer</b>		
Breeding Hinds	40	151
Stags	2	10
Yearlings	<u>0</u>	<u>122</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>283</b>
Stocking Rate	0.9 hinds/acre	1.1 hinds/acre (improved ground)
<b>UK – Range: 0.81-3.03 hinds per acre</b>		<b>UK Average: 1.6-2.4 hinds per acre</b>

# The Original Deer Farm



# First Expansion



# Current Deer Farm



# Why did we choose Deer?

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- Easycare/Low Labour
- High Value Product
- Healthy Meat
- Fascinating Animal
- Grants Available



# Our Management Policy

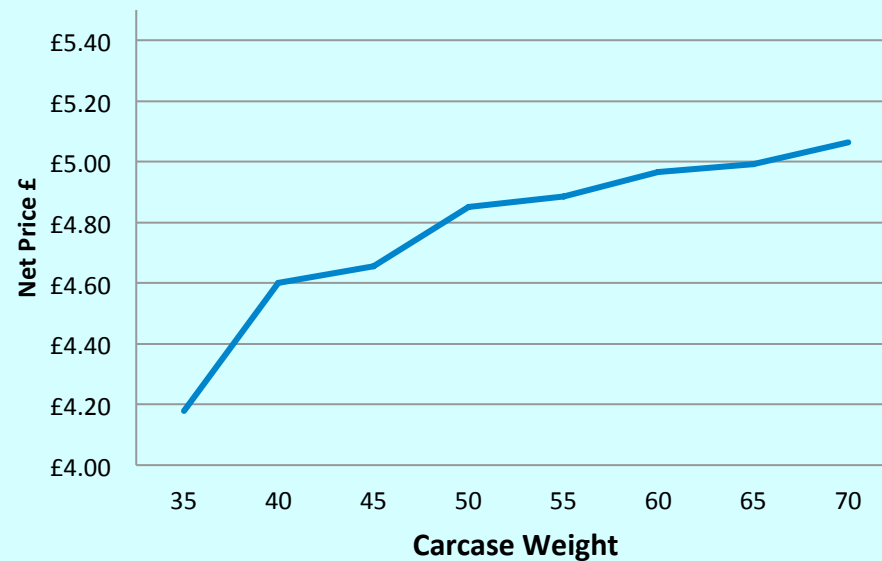
- Early Calving
- Early Rut
- Early Weaning
- Wintering Calves Indoors
- Good Feeding
- Finish on Grass/Clover with No Concentrates



# Performance = Profit

Carcase Weight	Grade	£/kg	Return	Transport	Total	Net Price	Transport Cost per kg	Output per 100 animals
70	E3	5.35	£374.50	£20.00	£354.50	£5.06	£0.29	<b>£35,450</b>
35	P2	4.75	£166.25	£20.00	£146.25	£4.18	£0.57	<b>£14,625</b>

### Net Price per kg of Venison





# Breeding Stock





# The Challenges

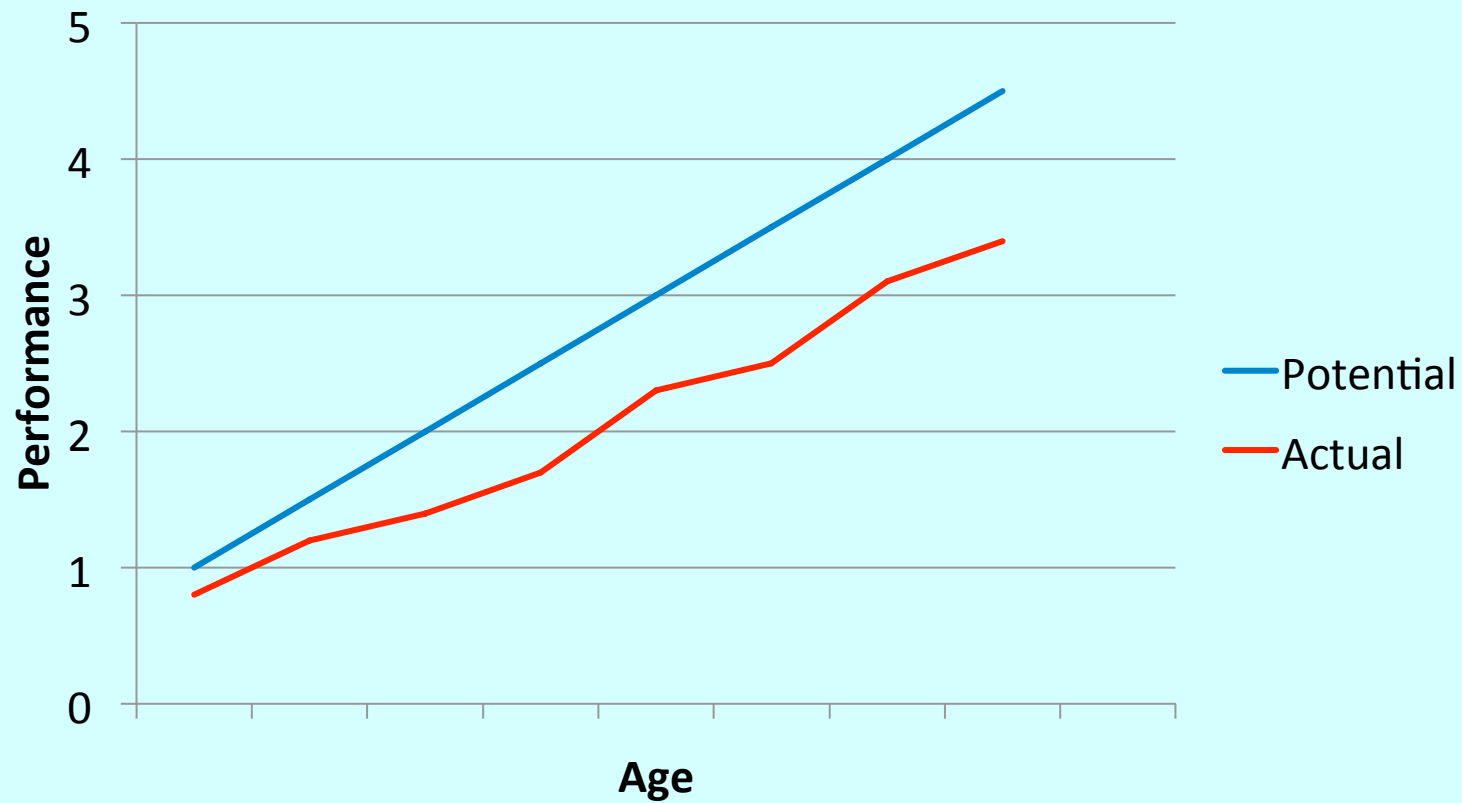


Providing shelter:  
Deer appreciate hedges

# The Way Forward...

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## The Slovakian Super Model



Any questions?

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