

THE DEER FARM & PARK DEMONSTRATION PROJECT



Farm Design and Layout

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What to consider!

- Quality of land
- Shelter and Shade
- Climate and contour
- Overwintering
- Water
- Buildings



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And More!

- Breeding Finishing or Finishing only
- Availability of winter feed
- Existing fences/infrastructure
- Integration with other farm businesses
- Woodland
- How much will it cost and will it make money?

Stocking Densities

- **Top Quality Pasture Low Ground/Arable**
- 10 Hinds/Ha (perhaps more on excellent ground but consideration needed at calving to avoid mismothering)
- 14 yearlings/Ha (rotationally graze to maximise pasture utilisation and intakes....Better growth rates!!)
- Suits Breeding/Finishing or Finishing only

- **Improved Upland (Breeding/Finishing)**

8 Hinds/Ha (set stocked for calving until mid-late July higher with regular nitrogen inputs

10-12 yearlings/Ha (rotationally grazed)

Marginal/Hill Ground (store calf production)

0.5- 4 Hinds/Ha (depends on aspect and winter feed inputs)

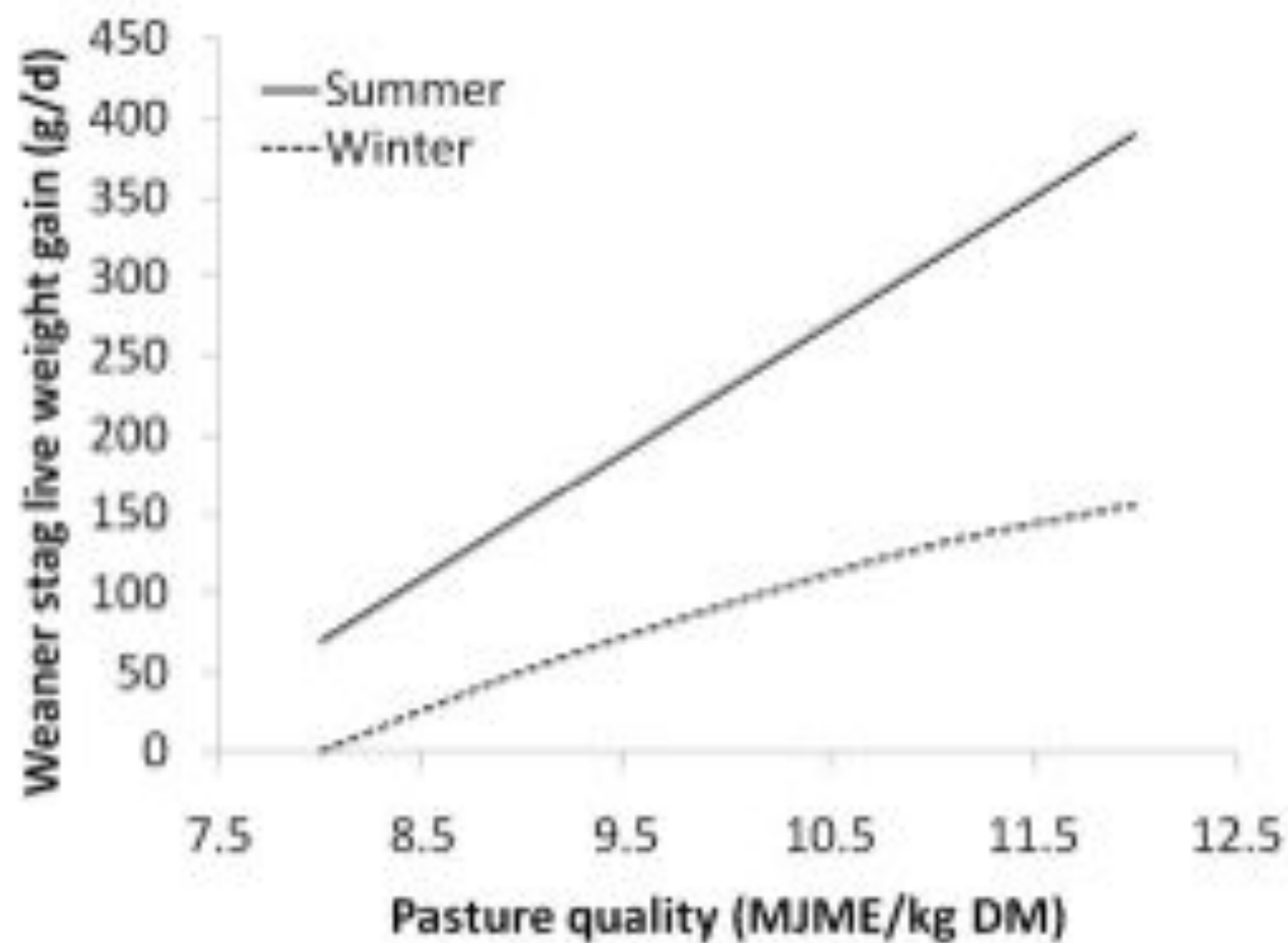
Pasture Management is Critical

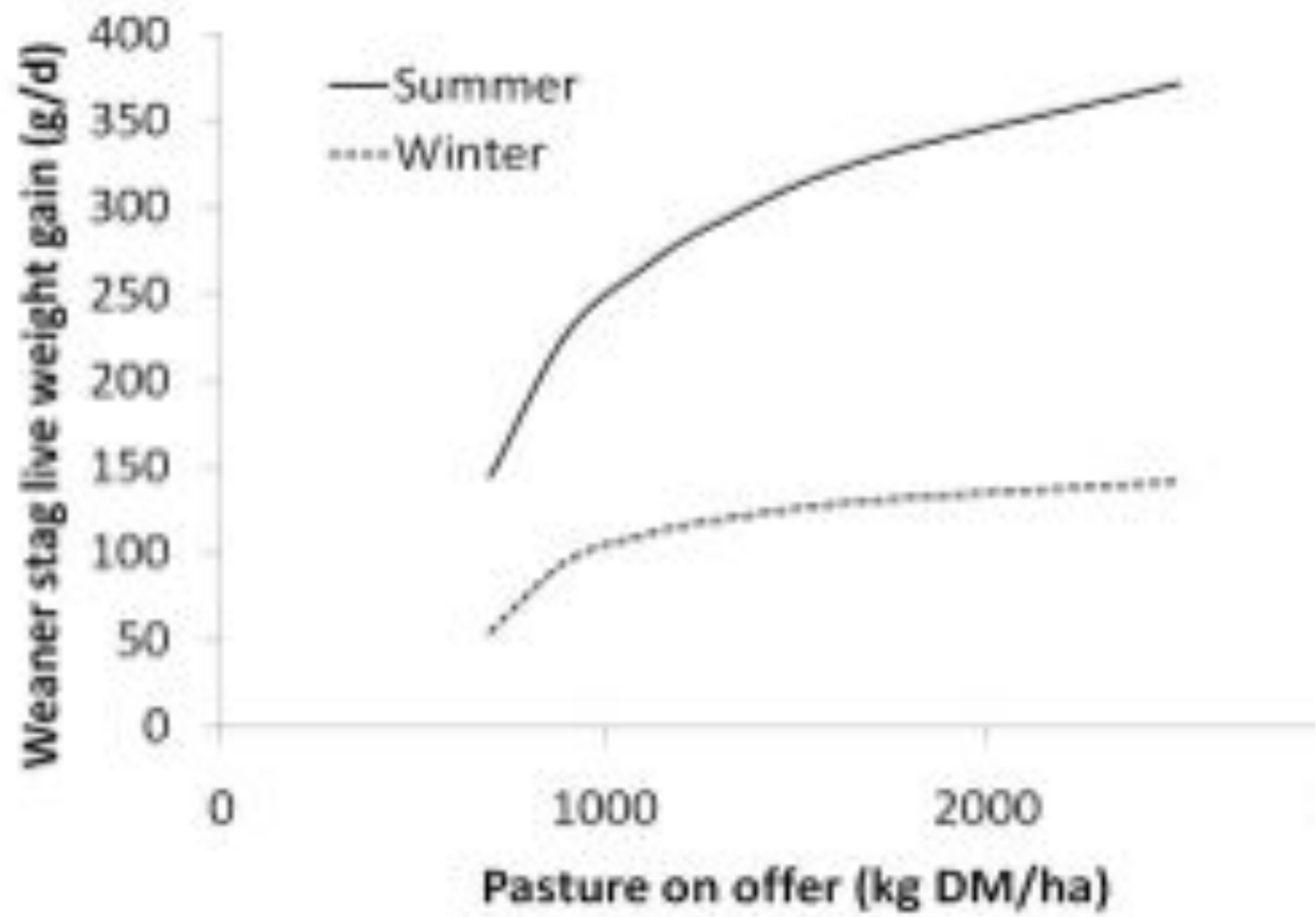
Poor Pasture=Poor growth



Quality leafy pasture=Good Growth









Deer Fencing

1.9 m net (tornado titan or Cyclone tightlock or similar)

5-6m post spacings

£7.50 - £10 m

Deer Gate with railed panels



Raceways



- 18-20ft wide (up to 30 ft when fencing off access tracks on large units)
- Deer like to run round corners
- Stop gates can be 12ft with angled panels of rails either side

Deer Handling

Weighing

Tagging

Drenching

De-antlering

Transport









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Deer Farm



The potential... 1000 hind units!

