

THE DEER FARM & PARK  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT



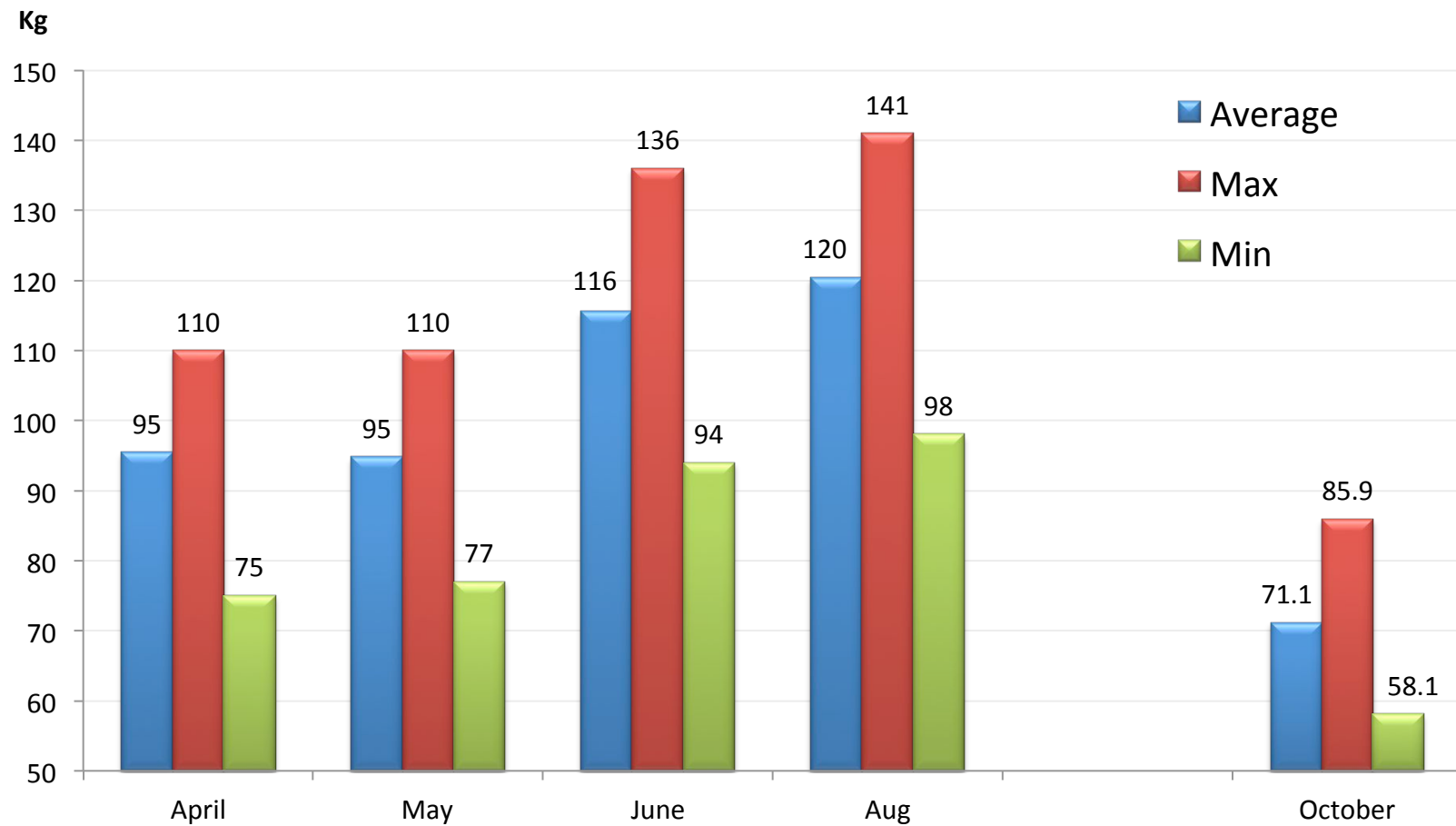
# A Look Back at 2014

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# Yearlings

- 122 Yearlings turned out in April
  - 50 Stags & 72 Hinds
- 16 Hinds kept as replacements
- 56 Hinds sold
- 4 Stags kept (1 escaped!)
- 45 Stags killed for venison

# Spiker Weights 2014



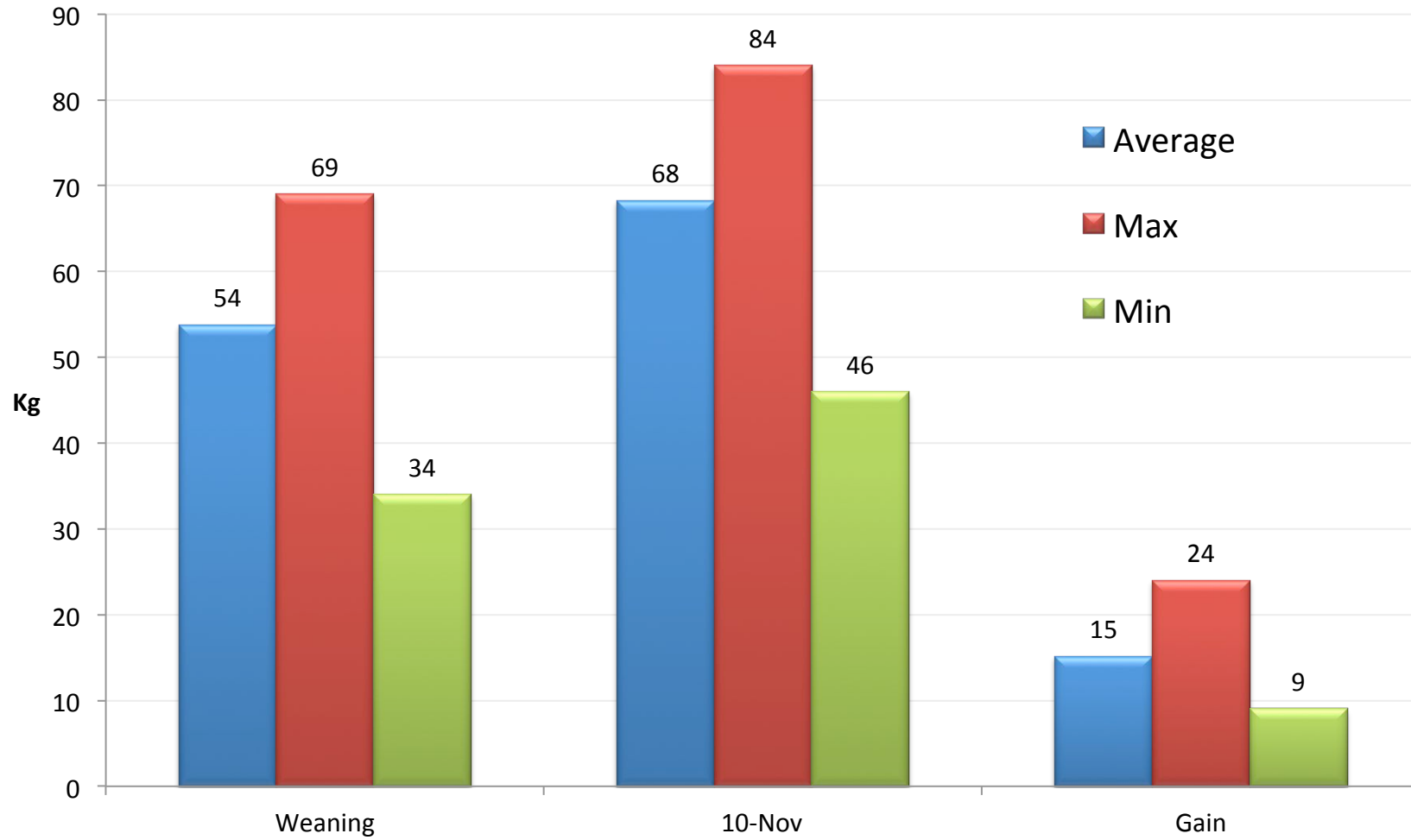
# Spiker Grades 2014

	E	U	R	O	P
1					
2		3	1		
3	7	18	1		
4	3	11			
5					
Total	10	32	2		
		kg			
Average Weight		71.0			
Highest		85.9			
Lowest		58.1			

# Calving 2014

- 117 Calves born from MA Hinds
  - 93% calving
- 0 Calves from Yearling Hinds!
- Calves weaned and housed on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
- Currently on 1kg/head/day of Calf Grower Blend + ad-lib silage.
- £233/t = 23p/head/day

# Calf Weights 2014



# The Rest of the Herd

- Hinds split into 4 rutting groups
- 3 with stags, 1 for AI
- Stags removed now to prevent July calving
- Hinds into 2 groups (MA & Young) and start winter feeding

# Looking Ahead to 2015

- Copper bolus for hinds in winter?
- Manage calf turnout to prevent check
- 3 Calving Groups: MA hinds, yearlings & AI group
- Start feeding 4-6 weeks pre-calving
- Reseed with chicory/clover/herb mix?