

# THE DEER FARM & PARK DEMONSTRATION PROJECT



**Day 1 – 12 May 2015**



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# **The Background to the Deer farm and Park Demonstration ProjectDays**

With production of venison from the wild sector static or declining and the consumption of venison increasing steadily there is an opportunity for the expansion of farmed or enclosed deer herds in Scotland to supply this demand .There is a need to create awareness and develop a skill base to enable this to happen



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The deer farm and park demonstration project has received funding through the SRDP Skills development Scheme and was based at Culquoich deer farm (Strathdon Deer) last (year 1)

329 attendees from 125 different land holdings



**Strathdon Deer Stags**



## **Demo days this year**

- **Less intensive park type systems**
- **Element of Live Capture**
- **Minimal Handling**
- **Field shooting**
- **Whole carcass sale and retail**



# Objective

To provide a real time opportunity for farmers or other land based businesses interested in either diversifying into deer or developing a deer unit from scratch to see one in action through a structured programme over a 12 month period

# What's the difference between a Park and a Farm?

## Park

- Extensive enclosed herd. Whole herd set stocked or moved seasonally between enclosures
- Managed by culling
- Limited animal health inputs and winter feeding
- Venison sold as wild game through game dealer by trained hunter
- Wild Game Handling facility
- Must adhere to statutory close seasons for respective species

## Farm

- More intensive enclosed herd with subdivided areas. Different classes of animals grazed separately
- Handling facility for drenching etc
- Weaning ,live sales
- Venison sold as farmed game
- Ante mortem inspection required
- Farmed game handling facility/ abattoir
- Does not have to adhere to close seasons



# Deer Park



# Deer Farm





## **Dates/Venues for Demo Days 2015**

**Tuesday 12 May**, Clathic, by Crieff, Perthshire  
PH7 4JY

**Tuesday 16 June**, Gledpark, Borgue, Dumfries &  
Galloway DG6 4SS

**Tuesday 28 July**, Clathic

**Tuesday 15 September (tbc)**, Gledpark  
**November (date and location tbc)**

# What we hope to cover over this coming year.....

**Stock**

Selection

Animal Health

Culling

Sire Stags

Feeding

Live Capture

Marketing





## Health and safety

# Finance

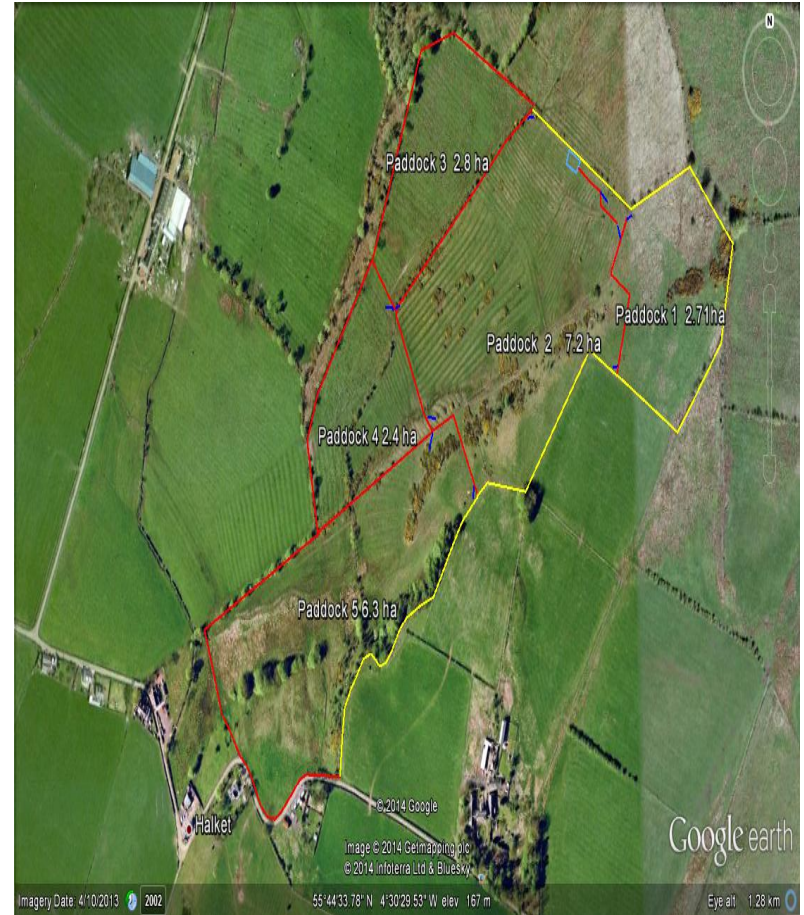
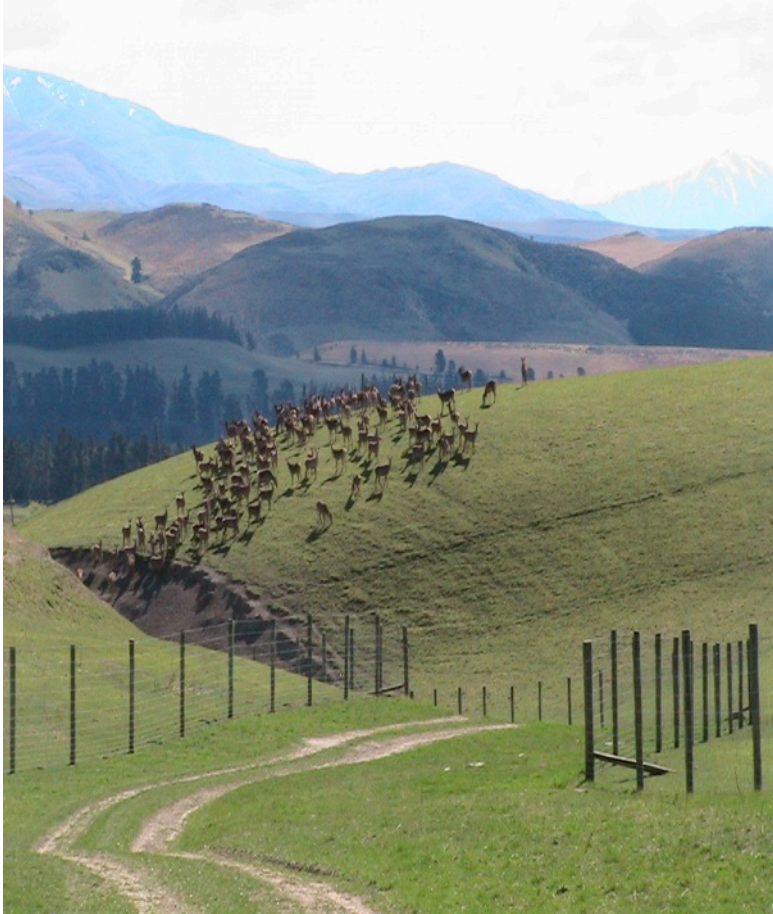
Income projections

Grants and subsidies

Farm finance options



# Fencing and farm design



# Carcase preparation/Butchery





# Cooking (and eating!)



**The potential... 1000 hind units!**

