

**THE DEER FARM & PARK**  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT



# 2015 Update

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# What Happened on the Farm?

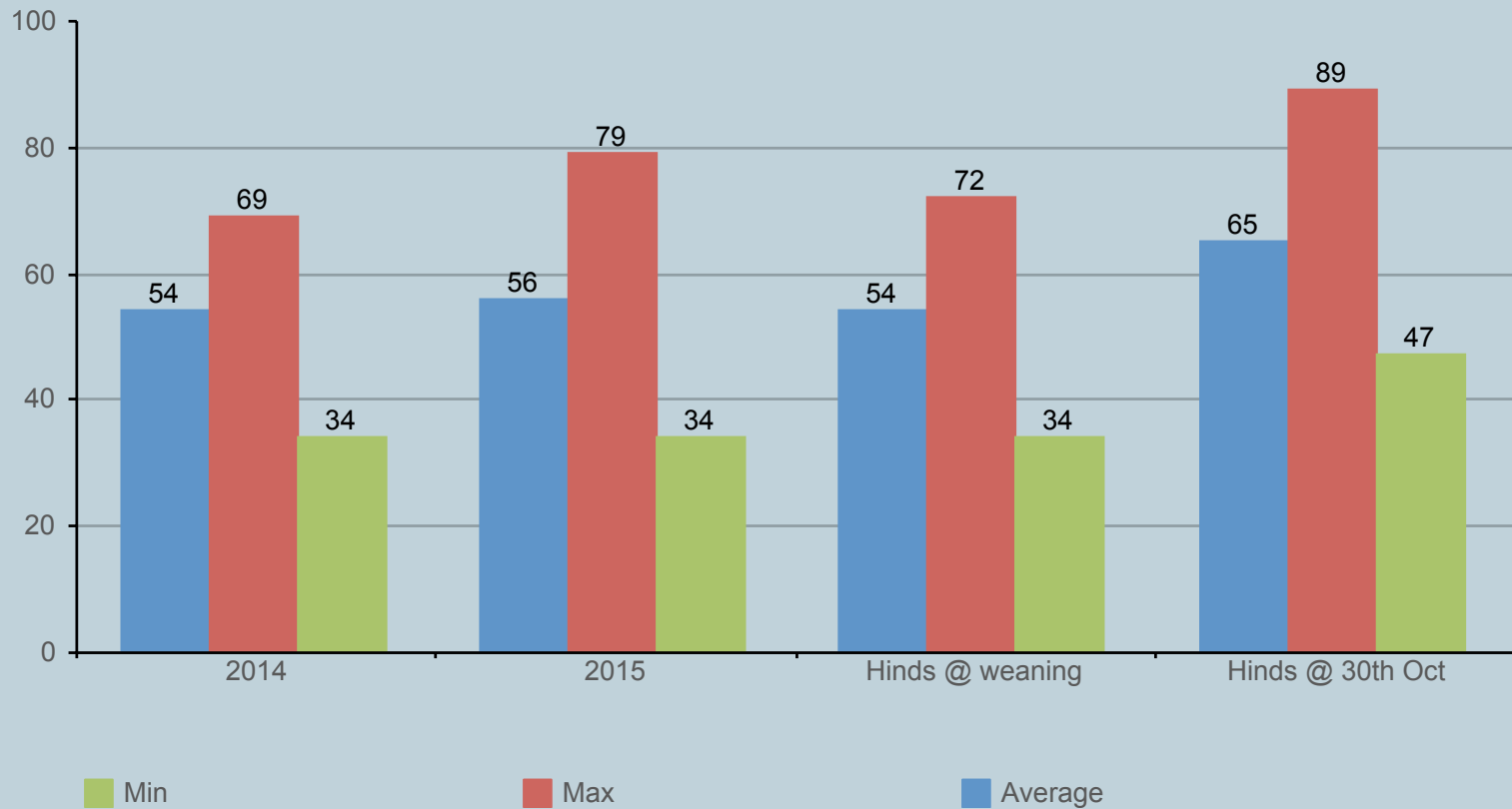
- 117 Yearlings turned out in April
  - 61 Stags & 56 Hinds
- 55 Hinds kept as replacements (1 death)
- Current Total Hinds = 217
- 3 Stags sold
- 11 Spikers kept
- 50 Stags killed for venison

# Calving 2015

- 108 Calves weaned from 120 MA Hinds (90%)
  - Some dystocia/calf deaths
- Calves weaned and housed on Sept. 22nd
- Currently on 1kg/head/day of *Calf Grower Blend* + ad-lib silage = 30p/day
- Currently 300g/day gain = £1.59/day

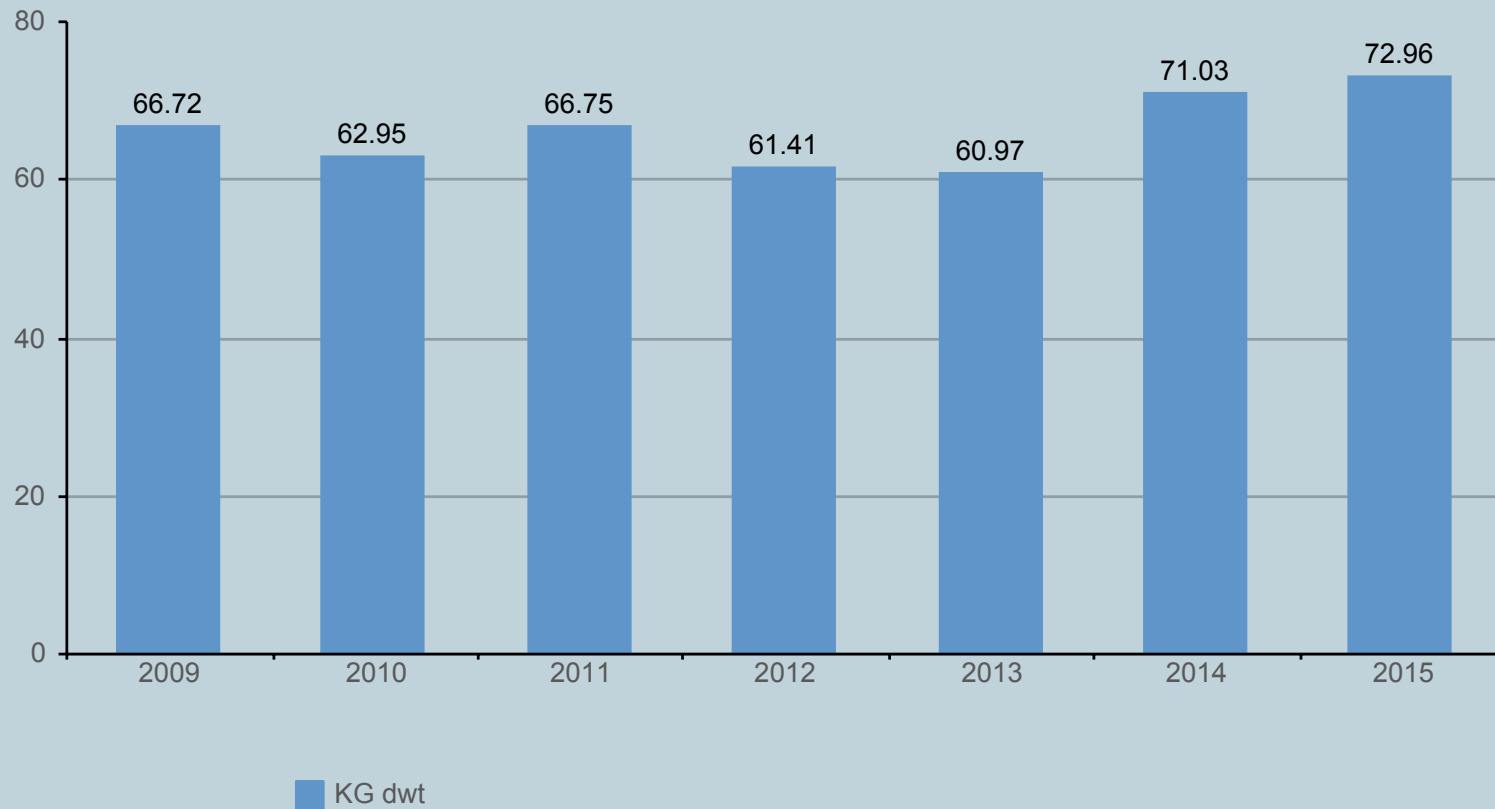
# Calf Weaning Weights 2015

Calf Weights 2014 vs 2015



# Spiker Venison Weights 2015

2009-2015 Average Weights



# The Rest of the Herd

- Hinds split into 4 rutting groups (62:60:40:55)
- 55 Yearlings rutted with 2 x 2yr old stags
- Stags removed this week

# Breeding

- What are your objectives?
- Calf production, Venison, Antler or ???
- Feed requirements vs availability
  - Bigger deer eat more!
  - Low ground or hill ground?
- Smaller hind x big stag?
- Easier to pamper 1 stag

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weaning



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