

TB tested all the hinds mid June. A big day with 1500 hinds to shave and jab but we were all clear. Pulled off 10 hinds from the 900 hinds in the trees that were not handling the pressure and put them onto pasture with the 2nd fawners. Still not needing to feed out silage to hinds on pasture with growth that we have had but these latest frosts are changing this fast.

We have lost 7 Mixed age stags this winter which I put some down to our April excema. Six spikers as well but only 2 mixed age hinds that were pulled out to go to the works but could not wait that long. I have just killed the hinds that were light in condition in March or May most were low rows and up to 13 years old.

I have now sold all my surplus round silage bales and will start feeding out some PK to the stags about mid July.

We are drenching the weaners now with Oxfen C Plus and weighing about 33% of them to get a good sample weigh and sorting up the Wap X into the forward animals (mostly stags) and then splitting the hind fawns to early and later in two mobs.

Good to have a few fine days to catch up on some weed spraying and some fencing repairs. To anyone that looked at our self feeding pits and thought we had too much wastage we have put some horizontal feet on the middle barriers to stop the hinds from pushing them forward on their own account. This is forcing them to clean up more and consequently have less wastage. That fixed their self help!

We are going to put a run of silage plastic down the side of the pit when we make it in November of which the rest can be folded on top of stack then covered with the main cover to improve the quality on the edges.

The grazing heifers are on straight grass and hope to keep it that way. We have got pit silage there if necessary.

The ewes are tidying up the races before they are set stocked for lambing in August.