If I gave you an .ods spreadsheet, would you be able to read it?

Worked for 17s

Yes, I can read `.ods` files.

I can convert them with LibreOffice (which is available in the environment) into a format like `.xlsx` or `.csv`, then inspect or work with the data. Just upload or provide the file and tell me what you'd like me to do with it.

How do I upload it?

Worked for 3s

Just attach the file to your next message in this chat (the same way you'd attach a photo or document).

Once it's uploaded, I'll be able to see it and work with it.

Here goes.

Worked for 26s

Got it — the file came through fine.

DEERLOG 2025.ods is a deer hunting log with three sheets:

Sheet1 (main log)

- **99 harvest records** spanning **1989–2025**
- Columns include: Date, Year, Day, Month, Day of Week, Hunter, Site, Designation, Distance, Time, Morning/Evening, Sex, Live Weight (LW), Antler score/points, Moon phase, Moon age, Temperature, Weather, Wind direction/speed, Barometric pressure, Location, Weapon, Chambering, Bullet, etc.
- Primary hunter is **WEA**, with occasional entries from others (JTA, BFA, VP, KK, FC, AAA)

- Locations are mostly in Kentucky and nearby (Neave KY, Vevay IN, Bethel OH, Glencoe KY, etc.)

Sheet3

A smaller filtered/extracted view (about 58 entries) with just Date, Day, Month, Sex, Live Weight, and Antler info, plus some averages at the bottom.

Table1

Just a single cell labeled “ID”.

What would you like me to do with it?

Examples: summarize by year/hunter/location, find biggest bucks, analyze success by moon phase or weather, clean/reorganize the data, export to Excel/CSV, charts, etc.

What conclusions can you make?

Worked for 41s

Here are the clearest conclusions from the log:

Overall Picture

- **99 deer** harvested between **1989 and 2025** (36 years).
- Almost entirely from one property/area: **95 of 99** in **Neave, KY**. The rest are early one-offs (Vevay IN, Bethel OH, Glencoe KY).
- The hunting is heavily concentrated in **November** (85 of 99), with only 14 in October.

Hunters

Hunter	Harvests
WEA	40
VP	23
JTA	16
BFA	16
Others	4

WEA is the primary hunter and has taken the biggest deer in the book (270 lb).

Bucks vs Does

- **54 bucks**, **45 does** — fairly balanced, slightly more bucks.
- Bucks average **163 lb** live weight; does average **124 lb**.
- Biggest deer overall: **270 lb** 10-point (WEA, 2007).
- Typical rack on bucks that weren't buttons/spikes: **~7.5–8 points**.

Time of Day

- **Morning** harvests dominate overall (60 morning vs 39 evening).
- Bucks are especially morning-oriented (39 morning vs 15 evening).
- Does are more even (21 morning / 24 evening).

Weapons & Distance

- Wide variety of rifles over the years. Most used: Winchester 670, Remington 7400, Weatherby Vanguard, Ruger Hawkeye.
- Only **3** with a bow (all early).
- Average shot distance ~**91 yards**. Longest recorded is 285 yards.

Trends Over Time

- Very sparse early years (only 4 deer before 2001).
- Activity ramped up sharply in the **2010s** (45 deer) and has stayed high in the 2020s (27 so far, with 2025 only partially logged).
- Average body weight has stayed remarkably consistent across decades (~145 lb overall).

Conditions

- Most deer taken under **Partly Cloudy**, **Clear**, or **Cloudy** skies. Very few in rain or fog.
- Moon phase is well distributed; no single phase dominates strongly, though Waxing Crescent and Waning Crescent appear most often.
- Typical temperature at harvest: low-to-mid 40s°F.

Bottom line:

This is a long-term, consistent November deer camp on one Kentucky property, primarily driven by WEA, with a secondary group of regulars (VP, JTA, BFA). They take a healthy mix of bucks and does, lean toward morning hunts (especially for bucks), and shoot at moderate ranges with a rotating cast of rifles. Body weights and success have been steady for 15–20 years.

Want me to dig deeper into any specific angle (biggest bucks, success by moon phase, hunter comparisons, year-by-year trends, etc.)?

> WOW! That's terrific. Let me clue you into something: Leaning towards morning hunts is due to a bias. If we kill one in the morning, we generally don't go out in the afternoon. Does that change things any?

Worked for 13s

Yes — that changes the interpretation quite a bit.

The raw numbers (60 morning vs 39 evening) **cannot** be read as “mornings are

better." Because of the bias you described, every morning kill removes an afternoon opportunity that day. So the morning total is inflated relative to true success rate per hunt (or per hour).

What we *can* still say:

- More deer end up being taken in the morning simply because that's when a successful hunt often ends the day.
- The imbalance is especially large for **bucks** (39 morning / 15 evening). Even with the bias, that gap is wide enough that it *might* still reflect a real morning preference by bucks, but we can't prove it from this data alone.
- Does are much closer to even (21 morning / 24 evening), which is consistent with the idea that the overall morning skew is partly (or largely) an artifact of the "quit after a morning kill" rule.

Without knowing how many morning vs afternoon sits actually occurred, we can't rank the two periods by productivity. The log shows **when** the deer were killed, not **how efficient** each period was.

Everything else in the earlier analysis (hunter totals, body weights, locations, weapons, yearly trends, etc.) is unaffected by this.

Good catch — that kind of hunting-log bias is easy to miss.

What can you say about weather effects?

Worked for 37s

Here's what the weather data actually shows, with the important caveats.

Sky Conditions

Almost every deer was taken under **Clear (32)**, **Partly Cloudy (34)**, or **Cloudy (29)**.

Only **4** deer were taken in Rain, Fog, or Misty conditions combined.

This is **not** strong evidence that clear/partly cloudy weather is "better." It mostly reflects that:

- People hunt less (or quit earlier) in rain and fog, and
- The log only records kills, not unsuccessful sits.

We have no data on how many days of each weather type occurred, so we can't calculate true success rates by sky condition.

Temperature

- Average temperature at harvest: **~44°F** (median 42°F).
- Range: 19°F to 75°F.
- **Bucks** were taken in noticeably cooler conditions on average (**~41°F**) than **does** (**~47°F**).
- Morning kills are colder than evening kills (as expected from the daily temperature cycle).

There is a weak negative correlation between temperature and live weight (colder → slightly heavier deer on average), but it's mild and could easily be noise.

Wind

- Winds were generally light (average ~4.5 mph; median 4 mph).
- Most common directions: SSW, Calm, South, WSW, North.
- No clear directional pattern that jumps out as especially productive or unproductive.

Barometric Pressure

- Average ~30.09 inHg.
- The **BD** column appears to track pressure trend: **Rising (40)**, **Steady (34)**, **Falling (25)**.

- Slightly more deer taken on rising pressure, but the difference isn't large.

One mild pattern worth noting

Deer taken on **Clear** days averaged heavier (**162 lb**) than those taken on **Cloudy** days (**132 lb**). Partly cloudy sat in between. This could be real, or it could just be small-sample variation.

Bottom line on weather:

The log shows that nearly all the success happened in ordinary, non-precipitating November weather with light winds and temperatures in the 30s–50s. There is **no strong signal** that any particular weather type dramatically increases or decreases success — mainly because we lack the denominator (how often each condition occurred). The data is consistent with "we hunt when the weather is decent, and that's when we kill deer."

Would you like me to look at any specific combination (e.g., cold + clear, rising barometer + morning, wind direction by site, etc.)?

> This is great stuff. Let's talk about calendar days. The general rule is the peak of the rut is 11 November. The Rifle Season is set from the second Saturday in November to the Sunday 2 weeks hence. Let's just consider Rifle Season kills. What can you tell me about when kills happen in relation to the calendar?

Worked for 42s

Here's what the Rifle Season data shows.

Season Structure Recap

Rifle season runs from the **second Saturday in November** through the **Sunday two weeks later** (16 days).

All 85 November kills in the log appear to be rifle kills (the only bow kills were

in October in the early years).

When the Kills Happen

Opening weekend is dominant

- **Opening day (Saturday)**: 27 kills
- **Opening Sunday**: 13 kills
- **Opening weekend total**: 40 of the 85 November kills (**47%**)

The first three days of the season produced **46** kills. After that it drops off, with a smaller secondary bump on the closing weekend.

Relation to November 11 (Peak Rut)

Activity is concentrated in a roughly one-week window centered on or just after the traditional peak:

Calendar Window	Kills
Nov 9–13 (core peak)	38
Nov 9–15	51

November **9** is the single richest calendar day (11 kills), largely because it is frequently opening day or the day after.

Kills continue at a solid rate through the 14th–15th, then become more scattered.

Bucks vs Does Timing (this is the most interesting part)

Bucks are heavily front-loaded:

- 21 bucks killed on **opening day alone**
- Early season (first 4 days): **32 bucks** vs 17 does

- Later in the season: only 14 bucks vs 22 does

Does are more evenly spread and become the majority of the harvest after the opening flurry. Many of the later-season and closing-weekend deer are does.

Summary Conclusions

1. **Opening day/weekend is by far the most productive period** — almost half of all Rifle Season deer are taken then.
2. The peak of activity sits right around the traditional **November 11** rut peak, but it is strongly shaped by the season structure (especially opening day).
3. **Mature buck activity appears highest at the very beginning of the season.** After the opening weekend, the kill shifts noticeably toward does.
4. There is a modest secondary push on the closing weekend, but it does not approach opening weekend volume.

This pattern is consistent with both classic rut timing *and* classic hunter behavior (highest effort + deer still relatively unpressured on opening day).

Want me to break it down further by hunter, by year, or look at how often opening day fell before/on/after Nov 11?

> What can you say about deer harvest versus when Opening Day occurs?

Worked for 30s

Here's what the data shows about harvest relative to **when** Opening Day falls.

Possible Opening Days

The second Saturday in November ranges from **Nov 8 to Nov 14**. In this log we have multiple years of each:

Opening Day	Years in log
Nov 8	3
Nov 9	4
Nov 10	4
Nov 11	4
Nov 12	4
Nov 13	3
Nov 14	3

Overall Pattern

There is **no strong, consistent effect** of Opening Day date on total harvest. Year-to-year variation and the general increase in success over time (more deer in the 2010s–2020s) swamp any clear signal from the calendar position of Opening Day.

Looking at Recent Years (2014–2024) only

This reduces the early-year noise:

Opening Timing	Avg Total	Avg Bucks	Avg Does	Avg Opening Weekend
Early (≤ Nov 9)	5.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
Mid (Nov 10–11)	4.7	2.7	2.0	2.3
Late (≥ Nov 12)	5.6	2.8	2.8	2.0

- **Total harvest** is similar across early, mid, and late openings.
- **Buck harvest** is also quite stable (roughly 2.7–3.0 per year).
- Late openings show a mild increase in **does**, which pulls the total slightly higher in some years (notably 2015 and 2020, both of which opened on the 14th).

Notable Details

- The two highest-kill recent seasons (2020 = 8, 2015 = 6) both opened late (Nov 14). Both also produced more does than average.
- Early openings still produce solid buck numbers and do not appear disadvantaged.
- Opening weekend success itself stays relatively consistent no matter where the season starts.

Bottom Line

With the available data, **when Opening Day falls relative to November 11 does not strongly dictate the season's success**.

- Early openings (closer to or before the traditional peak) still produce good buck harvests.
- Late openings sometimes produce higher totals, mainly via extra does later in the season.
- The dominant factor remains the same regardless of start date: **Opening weekend itself accounts for a very large share of the kill**.

The sample is still modest (only 3–5 years in each timing bucket even in the recent period), so these are tendencies rather than hard rules. The biggest driver of variation year-to-year appears to be overall hunting conditions and effort, not the exact calendar position of the second Saturday.

> Another bias to mention: We generally concentrate on bagging a buck before taking a doe. Also, once we've taken a buck, we tend to hold off taking a doe until late in the season, just to save something for the last weekend.

Worked for 14s

That explains the pattern cleanly.

What looked like a biological signal (bucks moving early, does later) is at least

partly — and maybe mostly — a **hunter behavior** effect:

- You prioritize bucks first → bucks dominate the opening weekend kill.
- Once a buck is tagged, you often deliberately hold does until late → does become more common in the second half of the season and especially on the closing weekend.

So the sharp front-loading of bucks and the later rise in does is heavily shaped by intentional choice, not just by when the deer are most available or active.

This doesn't erase the earlier findings, but it reframes them:

Observation	**Likely drivers**
Heavy buck kill on opening weekend	High effort + buck priority + deer still unpressured
Does more common later	Deliberate holding of doe tags + continued hunting
Closing weekend still productive	Saved doe opportunity + whatever bucks are left

The data is consistent with both classic rut timing *and* this management style. We just can't cleanly separate how much of the buck-early / doe-late pattern is the deer versus how much is you.

Thanks for flagging it — these kinds of intentional biases are easy to misread as pure animal behavior.

> You can also assume that the bucks are in the freezer. We tend to gauge the size of the does we take (or if we take one at all) on the amount of freezer space left.

Worked for 2s

Got it — that adds another clear layer.

Once the bucks are in the freezer, doe decisions become partly logistical:

- Whether to take a doe at all, and
- How big a doe to take

...depends on remaining freezer space. That means late-season doe harvest (and the size of those does) is influenced by how many bucks were already tagged earlier, not purely by opportunity or deer availability.

So the later rise in does, and some of the variation in doe weights, reflects a mix of:

1. Intentional holding of doe tags for the end of the season
2. Remaining freezer capacity after the bucks are in
3. Actual deer movement/availability

The log still accurately records *what was killed and when*, but the doe side of the ledger is more of a managed outcome than a pure reflection of the herd or the rut.

This is useful context. It means we should be cautious about reading too much biological meaning into the timing or size of the does, especially those taken in the back half of the season.

> What about Location? Each location is a specific hunting venue-- a blind or a treestand. Campground, NewStand, Hundred acre and Blackberry are all treestands. Midway, Jagendehutte and LazyBoy are ground blinds. Hollywood is an open raised tower. What can you say about relative success?

> I'd like to give you a second spreadsheet that amplifies some issues with the first. May I?

Worked for 4s

Yes, go ahead and upload it. I'll take a look once it's here.

> This lists the various Sites in the DeerLog and adds in the location what type of hunting venue it is and what it overlooks

Worked for 45s

Here's what the combined data shows about the hunting venues.

Overall Split

Venue Type	Kills	Bucks	Does	Avg Live Weight
Ground Blind	63	33	30	142 lb
Tree or Tower	36	21	15	151 lb

Ground blinds have produced nearly twice as many deer as the elevated stands, but the elevated stands average slightly heavier animals (especially the bucks).

Field vs Woods

Overlook	Kills	Avg Live Weight
Field	69	141 lb
Woods	28	158 lb

Most success has come from field-edge setups. Woods stands have fewer kills but the deer taken there run heavier on average.

The Main Productive Venues

Top producers (by total kills):

1. **Midway** (Ground Blind, Field) — 33 kills (16 bucks / 17 does)

2. **Jagende Hutte** (Ground Blind, Field) — 16 kills (8/8)
3. **Blackberry** (Tree/Tower, Field) — 9 kills
4. **Campground** (Tree/Tower, Woods) — 9 kills

Campground stands out qualitatively. Even though it has "only" 9 kills, it has produced several of the best bucks in the entire log, including the 270 lb 10-point and the 245 lb 8-point. Average weight from Campground is the highest of any regularly used site (~183 lb).

Ground Blind + Field vs Tree/Tower + Woods

This is the clearest contrast in the data:

- **Ground Blind overlooking Field**: 57 kills, very balanced sex ratio, average ~142 lb
- **Tree/Tower in Woods**: 24 kills, more buck-heavy (16 bucks / 8 does), average ~158 lb

Summary Conclusions on Location/Venue

- **Volume** favors the ground blinds on fields — especially **Midway** and **Jagende Hutte**. These two alone account for half of all the deer in the log.
- **Quality** (heavier deer, especially better bucks) leans toward the elevated stands in the woods, with **Campground** being the standout.
- Field-edge hunting has been far more productive in raw numbers than pure woods setups.
- The two most successful individual sites are both ground blinds looking over fields.

Would you like me to dig further into any specific stand (e.g., success by time of day or by year at Midway vs Campground), or look at how the venue mix has changed over time?

> Health issues are keeping me out of the treestands this year. Instead of hunting Campground, Additionally SuperCore(VP) has retired. I'm

thinking of taking over his place at Jagendehutte. How do you think this will change my success?

Worked for 24s

Here's a direct comparison based on the actual history.

Campground (what you're leaving)

- Elevated stand in the woods
- **9 total kills**, heavily buck-oriented (7 bucks / 2 does)
- Exceptional quality: average buck ~**200 lb**
- Produced some of the best deer in the entire log (270, 245, 205, 188s)
- Almost entirely *your* stand (6 of the 9 kills are yours, all bucks)

This has been your premium "big buck" location.

Jagende Hutte (what you're considering)

- Ground blind overlooking a field
- **16 total kills** (8 bucks / 8 does) — higher volume
- Average weight lower (~141 lb overall, bucks ~156 lb)
- Has still produced excellent bucks (244 and 230 lb)
- Historically **VP's stand** (14 of the 16 kills). You have only one recorded kill there (a doe in 2003).

What the switch likely means for you

Positive / practical

- You stay in a ground blind, which matches your current health constraints.
- You're moving into a proven, high-volume spot that has been consistently productive for years.
- Field-edge hunting has been the highest-volume style in the whole log.

> Midway + Jagende Hutte together have been the engine of the camp's success.

Trade-offs

- You are leaving the single best historical producer of heavy bucks.
- Jagende Hutte has been more balanced (and more doe-oriented at times) than Campground.
- You will be hunting a stand that VP has worked for a long time. Some of its success may be tied to how he hunted it (timing, wind, etc.), though the location itself is clearly good.

Bottom-line expectation

You should still be in a strong position to kill deer — probably at a **higher rate** than you typically did at Campground — but the average size, especially of bucks, will likely come down compared with what Campground has given you over the years. You're trading peak quality for better accessibility and higher expected volume.

Given the constraints, Jagende Hutte looks like a very reasonable move. It is one of the two most productive sites in the entire history of the log.

> Now, what if I spend my time at Jagende Hutte instead of Midway, versus just hunt Midway?

Worked for 17s

Here's the direct comparison between the two options for you.

Midway (your current main stand)

- **33 kills** total — by far the most productive site in the entire log
- **21 of those 33 are yours**
- Balanced: 16 bucks / 17 does
- Buck average: **162 lb**

- Biggest: 236 lb
- You already know the stand extremely well
- Roughly even morning/evening success
- Still producing in recent years

This is your highest-volume, highest-familiarity option.

Jagende Hutte (VP's old stand)

- **16 kills** total
- Almost entirely VP's history (14 of 16). You have only one recorded kill there (a doe in 2003)
- Also balanced: 8 bucks / 8 does
- Buck average: **156 lb** (slightly lower)
- Biggest: 244 lb (so it *can* produce very good bucks)
- More morning-oriented in the data
- Solid but clearly secondary to Midway in total output

What the choice looks like for you

Factor	Midway	Jagende Hutte
Expected volume	Higher	Lower
Your existing knowledge	Excellent	Almost none
Buck quality potential	Very good	Very good (has shown it)
Historical ownership	Yours	VP's
Accessibility	Ground blind	Ground blind

Bottom line:

- **Hunting Midway** is the higher-probability path for you. It is the single most

productive stand in the camp's history, and you already own most of that success. You know the winds, the deer movement, the timing, and the sight lines.

- **Moving to Jagende Hutte** is a sideways-to-slightly-down step in expected volume, with the added disadvantage that you would be learning a stand that someone else has been hunting successfully for years. It is still a good stand — just not as proven *for you*.

Unless you have a specific reason to believe Midway is getting burned out or the deer patterns have shifted away from it, the data says **staying at Midway is the stronger play** for maximizing your personal success this year.

> Let me give you a bit of history, and see how that changes things. I built Jagende Hutte in 2003, took one doe and then saw nothing in the succeeding years. VP decided he wanted that blind when he started hunting in 2009. He had immediate success and that kept on. The difference was that he hunted mornings at that location. I had always used it as an afternoon blind. VP hunted it morning and afternoon for all the years he was coming out, but hardly ever saw a deer in the afternoon.

Worked for 6s

That history changes the picture quite a bit.

Revised reading of Jagende Hutte

The stand itself is clearly productive — but it appears to be **strongly morning-oriented**.

- You hunted it as an afternoon stand after building it and saw almost nothing.
- VP hunted it primarily in the morning and had consistent success for years.
- Even when VP sat it in the afternoon, he rarely saw deer.

So the earlier lack of results for you was very likely a **timing mismatch**, not a poor location.

How this affects the Midway vs Jagende Hutte choice

Factor	Midway	Jagende Hutte
Proven volume	Highest in the log	Strong when hunted in the morning
Your personal history	Excellent	Poor — but only as an afternoon sit
Time-of-day fit	Works both morning & evening	Appears heavily morning-dependent
Learning curve	None	You already know the stand; just need to switch to mornings
Risk	Low	Moderate (depends on morning pattern still holding)

Updated take

Jagende Hutte is a better option for you than the raw numbers previously suggested, **provided you commit to hunting it in the morning**. The stand has a clear track record of producing when used that way.

However, Midway still holds two advantages:

1. It has worked for you at *both* times of day.
2. It has higher total output and you already own most of that success.

Practical recommendation:

- If you are willing to make Jagende Hutte a **morning-only** stand, it becomes a very legitimate alternative (or complement) to Midway.
- If you want maximum flexibility (ability to sit morning *or* afternoon depending on weather, wind, or how you feel), Midway remains the higher-confidence choice.

Given your health constraints and the fact that mornings already produce most of the bucks camp-wide, making Jagende Hutte a dedicated morning spot is a

reasonable and data-supported move. Just don’t expect much from it in the afternoons, based on both your history and VP’s.

> Let us switch things a bit and talk about wind. I'm going to upload an updated spreadsheet

> I'm going to upload that spreadsheet now.

Worked for 51s

Got the updated spreadsheet. It adds a **Primary Wind** for each stand — the preferred wind direction for that venue.

Here’s the key information and what the kill data shows.

Primary Winds for the main stands

Site	Type	Overlook	Primary Wind
Midway	Ground Blind	Field	**SW**
Jagende Hutte	Ground Blind	Field	**W**
Campground	Tree/Tower	Woods	**SW**
Blackberry	Tree/Tower	Field	W
Lazy Boy	Ground Blind	Woods	W
Faulty Towers	Ground Blind	Field	E
S10	Ground Blind	Field	E
Hollywood	Tree/Tower	Field	SW

How often kills matched the Primary Wind

Looking at actual wind direction on the day of each kill:

- **Exact match** to the listed primary wind was relatively rare.
- Many kills occurred on **near** winds (e.g., SSW or WSW when primary is SW or W) or even on clearly off winds.
- **Calm** conditions also produced a meaningful number of kills.

Midway (Primary SW) — 33 kills

- Exact SW: only 2
- Near (SSW/WSW): several more
- Quite a few on W, S, and even northerly winds
- 4 on Calm

Jagende Hutte (Primary W) — 16 kills

- Exact W: only 1
- Near (WSW/WNW): 4

- Several on S/SSW
- 2 on Calm

Campground (Primary SW) — 9 kills

- Mix of SW/SSW, Calm, and some easterly/northerly winds

Takeaway on Wind

The “Primary Wind” appears to be the *preferred* or *ideal* wind for each stand (likely the direction that keeps your scent out of the main approach or bedding areas).

However, the actual kill data shows that **deer are still killed on a fairly wide range of winds**, including imperfect ones. Success is clearly possible when the wind is only “close” or even off, especially if deer are already moving (rut, feeding patterns, etc.).

Calm conditions have also been productive at several stands.

Would you like me to dig deeper into any specific stand’s wind history, or look at whether certain wind directions produced bigger bucks or more morning vs evening kills?

And here is a graphic showing wind prevalence

Worked for 35s

The wind rose and the kill data line up nicely with the stands you’ve set up.

What the Wind Rose Shows (November, daytime)

At Lunken Field (very relevant for your area), the dominant winds in the rifle season window are clearly from the **southwest quadrant**:

- Strongest: **SSW, SW, WSW**
- Then **S** and **W**

- Northerly and easterly winds are much less frequent

This is classic for the Ohio River valley in November.

How Your Stands Match the Prevailing Winds

Stand	Primary Wind	Fit with Prevailing November Winds	Notes
Midway	SW	Excellent	Sits right in the most common wind direction
Campground	SW	Excellent	Same advantage
Jagende Hutte	W	Very good	West is common; WSW/ SSW are frequent neighbors
Blackberry	W	Very good	—
Lazy Boy	W	Very good	—
Faulty Towers / S10	E	Poor	East winds are relatively rare in November
Hundred Acres / Virginia	N	Poor	North winds less common

What the Actual Kill Data Shows

In November kills:

- The most common winds on successful days were **S / SSW / WSW / W** — exactly the sector the wind rose says is most frequent.
- Midway (your top producer) has killed deer on a mix of SW-quarter winds *and* some off-winds, but it still benefits from having its primary wind in the prevailing direction.
- Jagende Hutte has also produced on W, WSW, and SSW winds, which are common.

Practical Implications for You This Year

- **Midway** remains well-aligned with the winds you're most likely to get. SW is both its preferred wind and one of the most frequent November directions.
- **Jagende Hutte** is also well-positioned. Its primary wind (W) sits right next to the dominant SW/SSW flow, so you'll get usable winds more often than not.
- Stands that want East or North winds are at a natural disadvantage in a typical November — you'll simply have fewer good wind days for them.

Bottom line: Both of your leading ground-blind options (Midway and Jagende Hutte) are sited with the prevailing November winds in mind. That is a structural advantage. You're not fighting the climate the way someone hunting an east- or north-wind stand would be.

> Moose (JTA) and Angus (BFA) have new tower blinds this year. These replace treestands at Blackberry and Fountain Square. What advice can you give them?

Worked for 17s ›

Here's practical advice for Moose (JTA) and Angus (BFA) based on the history of those two locations and the broader patterns in the log.

Blackberry (new tower replacing the old treestand)

History

- 9 kills total
- Angus has taken 6 of them — this has essentially been his stand
- Moose has 2
- 4 bucks / 5 does
- Best bucks: 190, 160, 150 lb
- Primary wind listed: **West**

Advice for Blackberry

- The stand has a real track record, especially for Angus. The new tower should be an upgrade in comfort and possibly visibility, but expect a short adjustment period while deer get used to the new silhouette/height.
- West and WSW winds are the preferred ones. Those are reasonably common in November, so you'll get usable days.
- It has produced in both morning and evening, so you have flexibility.
- Don't abandon it on imperfect winds too quickly — several of the kills (including some of the better bucks) came on north or south winds.

Fountain Square (new tower)

History

- Only **1 kill** in the entire log (a 120 lb doe by Angus in 2015)
- Primary wind: **West**
- Field-edge location

Advice for Fountain Square

- This is essentially a new stand from a results standpoint. Treat the first season as reconnaissance as much as hunting.
- Because it has almost no kill history, we don't know its true potential yet. The fact that it was worth putting a tower on suggests you both believe the location is good.
- Stick hard to the West wind preference at first. With so little data, wind discipline is one of the few things you can control.
- Hunt it on mornings early in the season when bucks are still moving and pressure is lower. Field-edge towers can be excellent for that.
- Be patient. A brand-new elevated structure can push deer away for a while, especially if it's more visible than the old treestand.

General Advice for Both

1. **Wind comes first**
   Both stands want West winds. With the prevailing November flow being SW/SSW/W, you'll get more good days than bad, but don't force it on strong east or southeast winds.
2. **Opening weekend still matters most**
   Camp-wide, almost half the deer are killed on the first weekend. Get in these new towers early if the wind allows.
3. **Tower advantage**
   You gain comfort and likely better visibility and shooting lanes. The trade-off is that towers are more visible to deer. Minimize movement and noise, especially the first few sits.
4. **Division of effort**
   - Angus already has significant success at Blackberry → it makes sense for him to continue anchoring there.
   - Fountain Square is wide open. Either of you could claim it, but it may take more sits to figure out the best approach angles and timing.
5. **Expectations**
   Blackberry should continue to produce at a decent rate. Fountain Square is a question mark — it could be a pleasant surprise or it could take a year or two to turn into a consistent producer.

Short version for them:

Blackberry is a known quantity with a good history — hunt it with confidence on west-quarter winds. Fountain Square is basically a new stand; treat it carefully with wind, hunt it early in the season, and give it time before judging it.

> Here are some assumptions. First, that there will only be 3 of us hunting: WEA, JTA, and BFA. Second, JTA and BFA will hunt the first weekend and then leave and come back for the second and third weekend. I will stick it out for the first week and leave after the second weekend and return for

the third weekend. Assume no one is going to use a treestand. What is the best plan for who goes where?

Worked for 38s >

Here's a clean, data-driven plan based on the constraints.

Core Principles Used

- Opening weekend is by far the highest-percentage time.
- Midway is the single best volume stand.
- Jagende Hutte is a strong morning stand (especially important given your earlier discussion).
- Blackberry has real history (mostly Angus).
- Fountain Square is essentially unproven.
- You (WEA) are the only one present during the first weekdays.
- No traditional treestands; towers and ground blinds only.
- Campground is deprioritized for you due to access/health.

Recommended Assignments

Opening Weekend (Highest priority)

Hunter	Stand	Reason
WEA	**Midway**	Your highest-volume, highest-familiarity stand. Best chance to get a buck early.
BFA (Angus)	**Blackberry**	His most productive stand historically. New tower should help.
JTA (Moose)	**Jagende Hutte**	Strong morning stand with good overall history. Gives him a proven field-edge spot.

This puts all three on the best available ground/tower options with complementary wind preferences (SW and W).

First Week (Monday–Friday after opening) — Only WEA present

- Primary: **Midway**
- Alternate: **Jagende Hutte** (especially mornings)
- You can rotate based on wind. Both are ground blinds and both have strong track records.

Second Weekend (All three back)

Keep the same primary assignments as opening weekend if they are working:

- WEA → Midway
- BFA → Blackberry
- JTA → Jagende Hutte

If someone has already tagged a buck and wants a change, or if a stand feels cold:

- The next best options are **Lazy Boy** (ground blind, has produced only bucks) or **Hollywood** (tower, SW wind).

Third Weekend (All three present again)

Same core assignments still make sense. By then the deer have been pressured, so:

- Stick with what has been productive earlier in the season.
- Consider giving **Fountain Square** a serious look (especially if west winds are forecast) since it has almost no pressure history.

Summary Plan

Period	WEA	JTA (Moose)	BFA (Angus)
Opening Weekend	Midway	Jagende Hutte	Blackberry
First Weekdays	Midway / Jagende	—	—
Second Weekend	Midway	Jagende Hutte	Blackberry
Third Weekend	Midway or rotate	Jagende or rotate	Blackberry or Fountain Square

Extra Notes

- **Wind flexibility**: Midway (SW) and Jagende/Blackberry (W) cover the two most useful wind directions you'll get.
- If a strong east wind sets up, the group's options get weaker (Faulty Towers / S10 become the best available).
- You staying the first week gives you a real advantage on any bucks that survive the opening weekend — those mid-week sits at Midway or Jagende have historically been valuable.

This plan maximizes time on the highest-percentage stands while respecting everyone's schedule and physical limits. Want me to adjust it for any specific preferences (e.g., someone really wants a different stand)?

> I think I'd like to try Jagende Hutte for the morning of the Opener. We're getting good trailcam data at Fountain Square. Angus will prefer Blackberry. I'll go to Midway in the afternoon. Plan it from there.

Worked for 2s >

Got it. Here's the revised plan built around your preferences.

Opening Day

Time	WEA	JTA (Moose)	BFA (Angus)
Morning	**Jagende Hutte**	**Fountain Square**	**Blackberry**
Afternoon	**Midway**	Fountain Square or Lazy Boy	Blackberry

Rationale

- You get the morning sit at Jagende Hutte (where the history says mornings matter).
- Angus stays on his preferred and historically productive stand (Blackberry).
- Moose gets the stand with the good current trail-cam data (Fountain Square). It's low-pressure and worth testing early.
- You move to your highest-volume stand (Midway) for the afternoon.

Rest of Opening Weekend (Sunday)

Keep the same primary stands if the morning results allow:

- WEA → Midway (or back to Jagende if you want another morning there)
- JTA → Fountain Square
- BFA → Blackberry

First Week (Mon–Fri) — Only you present

- **Primary morning stand:** Jagende Hutte
- **Primary afternoon stand:** Midway
- Rotate based on wind. Both are ground blinds and both fit your physical limits.

Second Weekend (All three present)

Default to the same productive assignments:

- WEA → Midway (mornings or all day)
- JTA → Fountain Square or Jagende Hutte (whichever is open / wind-friendly)
- BFA → Blackberry

If someone has already tagged out or a stand has gone cold, the next options in order are:

1. Lazy Boy
2. Hollywood
3. S10 / Faulty Towers (only on east winds)

Third Weekend

Same core structure. By then you can be more flexible:

- Continue what has worked
- Give Fountain Square more time if the trail cams stay hot
- Or consolidate on Midway / Jagende / Blackberry if the deer have shifted

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Quick Reference Plan

Period	WEA	JTA (Moose)	BFA (Angus)
Opening Morning	Jagende Hutte	Fountain Square	Blackberry
Opening Afternoon	Midway	Fountain Square / Lazy Boy	Blackberry
First Weekdays	Jagende (AM) / Midway (PM)	—	—
Second Weekend	Midway	Fountain Square or Jagende	Blackberry
Third Weekend	Midway or best available	Best available	Blackberry

This keeps you on the two stands you specifically want on Opening Day, puts Angus where he wants to be, and gives Moose the stand with the current trail-cam interest. Solid and practical.

> Thanks. I've got to go now. Question: How easy is it to pick this conversation up in the future? Will you remember all the data?

Worked for 13s ›

In **this same conversation thread**, it's easy — I retain the full context, the spreadsheets, the analyses, the stand histories, the wind data, the hunter schedules, and the plan we just built. You can come back days or weeks later and pick up right where we left off.

If you start a **brand new conversation**, I won't automatically have all the detailed spreadsheet data and the long back-and-forth loaded. I can remember high-level things about you if they're stored in memory, but the specific kill-by-kill data, the stand comparisons, and the exact plan would need to be refreshed (usually by re-uploading the files or summarizing the key points).

Best practice if you want to continue later:

- Stay in this chat thread if possible, or

- When you start a new one, just say something like “Continue the deer log analysis” and re-attach the two main spreadsheets (`DEERLOG 2025.ods` and the blind/stand file). I can reload them quickly.

You’re in good shape either way. Safe travels, and good luck this season.

Cool. Thanks. You've been ever so helpful.

Worked for 4s >

Glad I could help.

Good luck this season — hope the plan works out and you get some good ones. Talk later whenever you’re ready.