The October lull isn't in the data

You know your hunting and your audience. This sheet gives you the research and a few angles. The post is yours.

Format. Carousel: one chart-style fact per slide. Lead with your screens from the FDR map.

SLIDE 1 / HOOK

"I used to think October was..."

Minnesota's harvest record shows no October slump to plan around.



Real FDR map screens of the same ground with waypoints. Top is leaf-on and bottom is leaf-off. Parcel lines removed. Source: FDR pricing page, captured Oct 17, 2026.

SLIDES 2 AND 3 / SAME SPOT, TWO SEASONS

Leaf-on imagery Every plan

FDR site: "Summer aerials for cover, crops and field edges."

Hunting task. Grab a leaf-on screenshot of your spot for slide 2 and mark where the cover meets the field. Line it up against the leaf-off view and pick your sit hours by daylight.

Quoted from the FDR features page on Oct 17, 2026

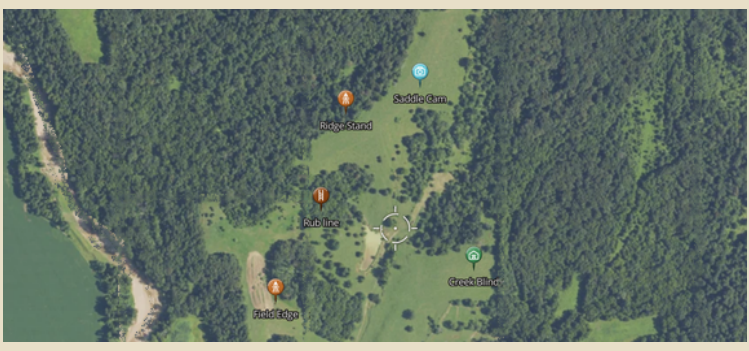
Leaf-off imagery Every plan

FDR site: "Read trails, benches and openings that summer leaves hide."

Hunting task. Use a leaf-off screenshot of that same spot for slide 3. Draw an arrow to the trail or bench that only shows up with the leaves down.

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SLIDE 4 / YOUR WAYPOINT NOTES



Waypoints on a real FDR map screen. Source: FDR pricing page, captured Oct 17, 2026.

Waypoints Every plan

FDR site: "Drop a waypoint and choose its type."

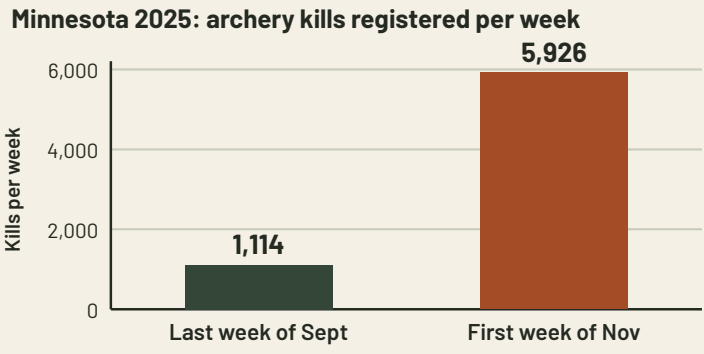
Hunting task. For slide 4, screenshot your waypoints with the notes open. Each note should show the weekday, the hour and what you saw.

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SLIDE 5 / THE HARVEST COUNT

MEASURED

Minnesota 2025: archery kills registered per week



Source: October Slowdowns and Cold Fronts: Evidence From Deer Collars and 29,777 Archery Kills (FDR Research Desk)

In 2025, Minnesota's weekly archery harvest went from 1,114 in the last week of September to 5,926 in the first week of November, with no October decline.

MEASURED registered harvest records, as reported in the guide

> **Caveat.** Harvest counts track hunters as well as deer. One state and one season. Bow and crossbow only.

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STORY POLL

Lull or pressure?

MUST-HAVES

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