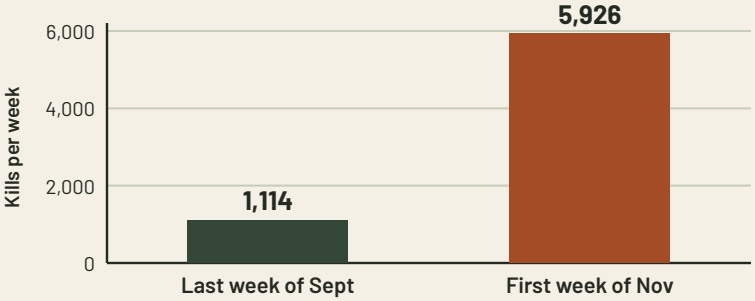
The October lull isn't in the data

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

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)

The theme

The October lull might say more about our schedule than about the deer.

ANGLES

"Is the lull in the deer or in us?" Harvest climbed every week of October. Quiet days track the weekday schedule.

Research pick A, weekly harvest

Minnesota's 2025 archery harvest went from 1,114 deer the last week of September to 5,926 the first week of November. The weekly count never dipped in October.

MEASURED registered harvest counts reported in the FDR guide

> **Caveat.** Those counts follow how many hunters were out as well as what deer did. They cover one state and one season, with bow and crossbow only.

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Research pick A, collar tests and fronts

In six collar tests in Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, and Wisconsin, none found a clear cold-front or temperature effect. The only effects showed up in Pennsylvania Octobers. Rain cut daily buck travel by about four-tenths of a mile, and wind increased travel.

SAMPLED collar studies as summarized by FDR

> **Caveat.** The single direct test of one October cold front (Oct 7, 2023) had usable data for only 5 to 7 bucks. That leaves the front effect unmeasured. It has not been disproven. Please don't say "fronts don't matter."

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Prompts

What does your crew swear about cold fronts?

Do you hunt weekdays on purpose, or only when work lets you?

Hooks

"Everyone blames the lull, but..."

"Ask a deer what day it is and..."

MUST-HAVES

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