AGFC DEER/CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE SURVEY

Version 23

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33 questions

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. May I please speak with «FNAME» «LNAME»?

RESP ON PHONE: Game & Fish is conducting a survey and asking randomly selected deer hunters about their hunting experiences and their thoughts about the disease called Chronic Wasting Disease. The information provided will help Game & Fish in their deer management plans.

IF NOT AVAILABLE --> MAKE Appointment

IF NOT CORRECT PHONE NUMBER --> Try to get a better number for this person. Call this number and record it in the notes.

IF NO BETTER NUMBER ---> Code as wrong locale in the call window.

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VOICEMAIL: Hi, this is \_\_\_\_. I'm calling to conduct a short survey about deer hunting for the Game and Fish Commission. I'll call back later.

S1. Do you live in the State of Arkansas

1 Yes - Arkansas resident

2 No - Lives Out-of-State – END INTERVIEW

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

Thank you but we are currently only interviewing Arkansas residents. Thank you for your time.

INFORMED CONSENT

Before we start the survey, please know that you don't have to answer any question you don't want to, and you can end the interview at any time. The interview takes only about 8 minutes and any information you give me will be confidential.

It is important for the quality of this survey that I read the questions and all the possible answers so that we can make sure we get your best answer.

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CELL PHONE SCREENING

Q1 Did you hunt deer in Arkansas any time during this past deer season, that is, in the fall or winter of 2016?

1 Yes

2 No

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

SKIPS from Q10

IF q10=1 SKIP TO: 13

Q2. What is the primary reason you did not hunt in Arkansas during this past deer season?

OPEN

ENTER 777 = DON'T KNOW

ENTER 999 = REFUSED

IF Q1 = Yes

Q3a. In which Arkansas county did you hunt deer MOST OFTEN during the 2016 deer season?

1 A - L COUNTIES

2 M - Z COUNTIES

3 COUNTY UNKNOWN

IF Q1 = No

Q3b. Thinking back over the past 3 deer seasons, In which Arkansas county did you hunt deer MOST OFTEN?

1 A - L COUNTIES

2 M - Z COUNTIES

3 COUNTY UNKNOWN

4 DIDN'T HUNT IN AR IN PAST 3 YEARS – END INTERVIEW

If COUNTY UNKNOWN

What is the name of a city or town that is close to where you most often hunted?

Q4. When you deer hunt in Arkansas, do you most often hunt deer on private land, public land, or a combination of both?

IF NEEDED: Public lands – Wildlife Management Areas. National Wildlife Refuges.

Private land – deer leases, hunting club properties

1 Private land

2 Public land

3 Both

7 Don't know

9 Refused

Q5. How much, if anything, have you read, heard, or seen about Chronic Wasting Disease, sometimes called CWD? Would you say a lot, a little, or nothing at all?

1 A lot

2 A little

3 Nothing at all

7 Don't know

9 Refused

IF Q5 =”NOTHING AT ALL”

Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD is a progressive, fatal disease of the nervous system that effects mule deer, white-tailed deer and elk.

Skip to Q7

IF Q5= 1 OR 2

Q6. What have been your main sources for the information about Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD?

ENTER 777 = DON'T KNOW

ENTER 999 = REFUSED

MOVED THIS SECTION – TWO VERSIONS –

VERSION 1 – Hunts most often in the Zone

The Game & Fish Commission has identified a ten-county area where cases of Chronic Wasting Disease have been found. This area is called the CWD Management Zone. The county you said you most often hunt IS INCLUDED in this area. The ten counties in the Zone are Boone, Carroll, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, and Yell.

VERSION 2 – Does NOT Hunt most often in the Zone

The Game & Fish Commission has identified a ten-county area where cases of Chronic Wasting Disease have been found. This area is called the CWD Management Zone. The counties inside this zone are mostly in the northern part of the state and include: Boone, Carroll, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Marion, Newton, Pope, Searcy, and Yell.

Q7 To your knowledge, has CWD been found in the Arkansas county where you most often hunt.

1 Yes

2 No

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

Q8. From what you know about Chronic Wasting Disease, in general, how concerned are you about the disease? Would you say you are very concerned, somewhat concerned, not too concerned or not at all concerned?

1 Very concerned

2 Somewhat concerned

3 Not too concerned

4 Not at all concerned

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

Q9. How much has the discovery of CWD in Arkansas changed your deer hunting practices? Would you say . . .

1 A lot

2 A little

3 Nothing at all

7 Don't know

9 Refused

IF Q9 = Yes

Q10. How have your deer hunting practices changed?

1 More aware of deer health/whether they look sick before harvesting

2 Not hunting as often

3 Change in hunting practices (feed, etc.)

4 Change in hunting locations

5 More fearful/hesitant about risks from CWD

Q11. How concerned do you think hunters should be about eating the meat of an Arkansas deer harvested INSIDE the CWD Management Zone that has NOT been tested? Would you say . . .

1 Very concerned

2 Somewhat concerned

3 Not too concerned, OR

4 Not at all concerned

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

Q12. How concerned do you think hunters should be about eating the meat of an Arkansas deer harvested OUTSIDE the CWD Management Zone that has NOT been tested?

1 Very concerned

2 Somewhat concerned

3 Not too concerned, OR

4 Not at all concerned

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

Q13. How concerned do you think hunters should be about eating the meat of an Arkansas deer that TESTED POSITIVE for Chronic Wasting Disease?

1 Very concerned

2 Somewhat concerned

3 Not too concerned

4 Not at all concerned, OR

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

Q14. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of the risk of Chronic Wasting Disease to the DEER population in Arkansas? Would you say . . .

READ

1 IT is a HIGH risk to the deer population

2 IT is a LOW risk to the deer population, or

3 IT is NOT risk to the deer population

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

Q15. And how about your view of the risk of Chronic Wasting

Disease to HUMANS? Would you say . . .

READ

1 IT is a HIGH risk to humans

2 IT is a LOW risk to humans, or

3 IT is NOT risk to humans

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

Next, I have a few statements about the activities of the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission in response to the discovery of CWD. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement.

Q16. The Game & Fish Commission has kept hunters ADEQUATELY INFORMED of the status of Chronic Wasting Disease in Arkansas.

[Would that be STRONGLY agree/disagree or SOMEWHAT agree/disagree?]

1 Strongly Agree

2 Somewhat Agree

3 Somewhat Disagree

4 Strongly Disagree

8 Unsure (volunteered)

7 Don't know

9 Refused

Q17. The Game & Fish Commission has provided the information needed in order for hunters to make informed hunting decisions related to CWD.

[Would that be STRONGLY agree/disagree or SOMEWHAT agree/disagree?]

1 Strongly Agree

2 Somewhat Agree

3 Somewhat Disagree

4 Strongly Disagree

8 Unsure (volunteered)

7 Don't know

9 Refused

Q18. The Game & Fish Commission has provided adequate opportunities for hunters to voice concerns and opinions related to CWD.

[Would that be STRONGLY agree/disagree or SOMEWHAT agree/disagree?]

1 Strongly Agree

2 Somewhat Agree

3 Somewhat Disagree

4 Strongly Disagree

8 Unsure (volunteered)

7 Don't know

9 Refused

Q19. The Game & Fish Commission has implemented appropriate regulations to minimize the impacts of CWD on the Arkansas' deer herd.

1 Strongly Agree

2 Somewhat Agree

3 Somewhat Disagree

4 Strongly Disagree

8 Unsure (volunteered)

7 Don't know

9 Refused

Q20. Have you ever submitted a deer to be tested for Chronic Wasting Disease?

1 Yes

2 No

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

If Q20= ”No” “Don’t know” or “Refused”

Q21a. If you wanted to have a deer tested for CWD in Arkansas, where would you take the deer?

1 AGFC check stations

2 AGFC oiffices

3 AGFC personnel

4 Private veter

5 Taxidermist

6 Deer Processing/Butcher Shop

7 Unsure/Don’t know

9 Refused

8 Other

11 AGFC partners

If Q20= ”Yes”

Q21b. Where did you take the deer to be tested?

1 AGFC check stations

2 AGFC oiffices

3 AGFC personnel

4 Private veter

5 Taxidermist

6 Deer Processing/Butcher Shop

7 Unsure/Don’t know

9 Refused

8 Other

Q22. How many miles would you be willing to drive if you wanted to have a deer tested for Chronic Wasting Disease?

MILES

INTERVIEWERS: Do not accept measurement in time - (example: 20 minutes away)

ENTER 777 = DON'T KNOW

ENTER 999 = REFUSED

Q23. Currently the Game and Fish Commission does not charge to have a deer tested for CWD. If this situation changed, how much would you be willing to pay to have a deer tested for the disease?

dollars

INTERVIEWERS: Ask R for one number -- the top dollar amount they would

be willing to pay. Zero can be entered for NONE

ENTER 777 = DON'T KNOW

ENTER 999 = REFUSED

Q24. Can you think of ANY reason why a hunter might choose NOT to have a deer tested that was harvested WITHIN the CWD management zone?

OPEN

ENTER 777 = DON'T KNOW

ENTER 999 = REFUSED

Q25. Would you support or oppose a regulation requiring ALL deer harvested within the CWD Management Zone be tested without charge to the hunter?

[Would that be strongly or somewhat support/oppose?]

1 Strongly Support

2 Somewhat Support

3 Somewhat Oppose

4 Strongly Oppose

7 Don't know

9 Refused

Q26. Would your «if q48=1 then support»«if q48=2 then support»«if q48=3 then opposition»«if q48=4 then opposition» to this regulation change if the testing requirement was limited ONLY TO THE OPENING WEEKEND of modern gun season?

1 Yes

2 No

7 Don't Know

9 Refused

IF Q26=Yes and Support

Q27a. How would your support change?

1 More support

2 Less support

7 Don't know

9 Refused

8 Other (specify) «»

IF Q26=Yes and Oppose

Q27b. How would your opposition change?

1 More opposed

2 Less opposed

7 Don't know

9 Refused

8 Other (specify) «»

Q28. Thinking about the upcoming deer season starting this fall, how likely is it that you will hunt deer? Would you say . . .

3 Very likely

2 Somewhat likely

1 Not very likely, OR

0 Not at all likely

7 Don't know

9 Refused

Q28not equal to “Not at all likely” and Q3 not in “CWD Management Zone”

Q29. If CWD is detected in the county where you deer hunt most often, how likely is it that you will continue to hunt in that county? Would you say very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?

3 Very likely

2 Somewhat likely

1 Not very likely, OR

0 Not at all likely

7 Don't know

9 Refused

Q30 In what Arkansas county do you live?

1 A - L COUNTIES

2 M - Z COUNTIES

7 DON'T KNOW

9 REFUSED

Q31 And, my last question, when the Game & Fish Commission sends out information about Chronic Wasting Disease, what are the best ways for you to receive the information?

OPEN

777 - DON'T KNOW

999 - REFUSED

Q32 Do you have any additional comments about CWD you would like to share?

That was my last question. We appreciate your time and cooperation. Thank you and have a nice day.