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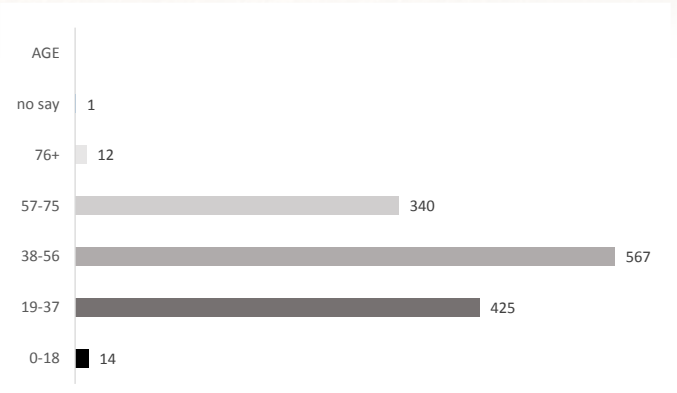


# OFAH Survey of TURKEY HUNTERS

In April, the OFAH asked turkey hunters for their thoughts on turkey management. We wish to thank everyone that completed the survey. Results from the survey are shared below. Responses reflect the input provided by participants and do not necessarily reflect OFAH policies or positions.

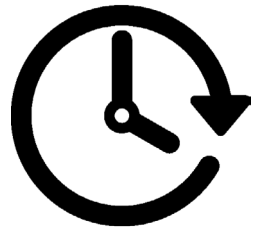
THE RESULTS ARE IN...

1359 people responded to the survey



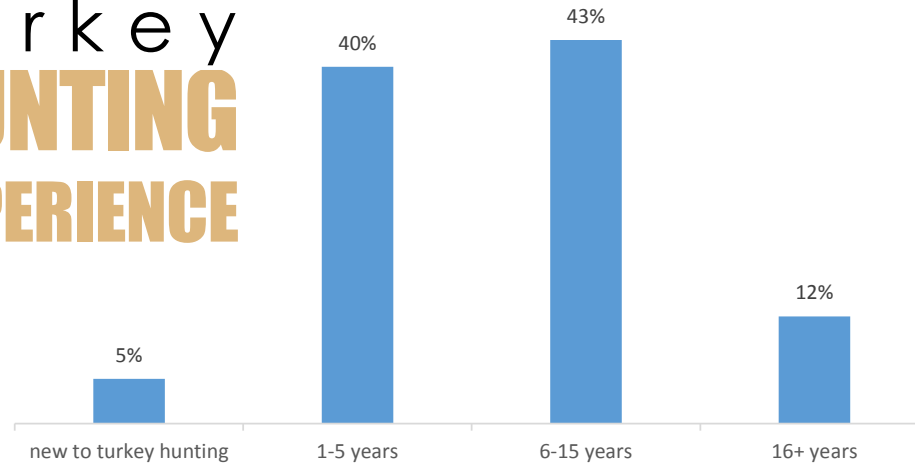
95%  of respondents were **MALE**

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# DAYS that the survey was POSTED

turkey HUNTING EXPERIENCE



 **TIME** spent hunting in the spring  
67% spent **<10 days**





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**64%** would like to be able to harvest a **wild turkey** before Thanksgiving

**66%** support a youth hunt prior to the current spring season

Support the **72%** seal requirement

## MAJORITY prefers



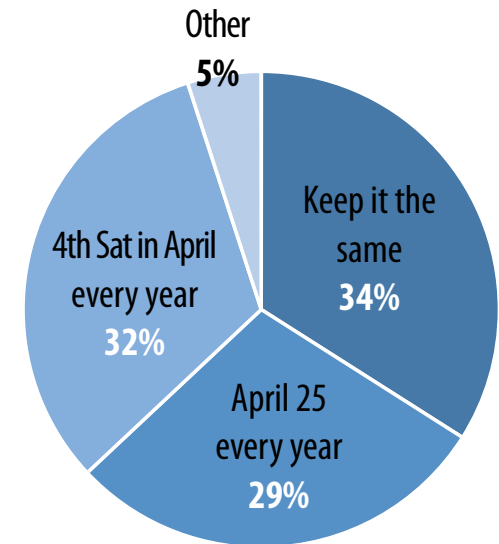
to report their wild turkey harvest

**86%** want some form of change to the current season structure

**55%** would prefer **48 hrs** to report their harvest

**73% DO NOT** like the current reporting deadline

## SPRING opening date



## Top 5 OPPORTUNITIES

on the turkey hunter's wish list

1. bows only season
2. more youth hunting opportunities (youth hunt, own tag)
3. unused spring seal can be used as a hunter's fall seal
4. other firearm opportunities?? (e.g. .22LR)
5. more stocking/turkey reintroductions



83%  
 felt that  
 wild turkey  
 management is  
 pretty good in  
 Ontario

## Top IMPROVEMENTS

most frequently suggested by turkey hunters

1. reduce the licence fee
2. report on how licence \$ support turkey management
3. more stocking/turkey reintroductions
4. unused spring seal can be used as a hunter's fall seal
5. more enforcement
6. incentives for landowners to improve turkey habitat
7. eliminate wild turkey hunter education course or include it in the Ontario Hunter Education course