

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE

The 2015 Special Unit Canada goose season was open from October 17 to December 20 in Bennett County. To hunt this resident-only season, hunters were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, senior, adult or junior combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification, and for those hunters age 16 and over, a federal waterfowl stamp. Additionally, hunters must have applied for and received a Special Canada goose license for that specific unit. Each license allowed the hunter to harvest 3 geese and individuals could have had up to 5 licenses for the season, if licenses were left after the 2nd deadline drawing. A total of 134 hunters received multiple licenses for the 2015 season, including 22 hunters who received the maximum of 5 licenses each.

In 2015, there were 536 residents licensed to hunt the Special Canada goose season. All license holders who provided email addresses when applying for their license were surveyed and 318 responses were received for a response rate of 68%. All responding hunters used the Internet.

From the survey responses, there were an estimated 635 Canada geese harvested for an average bag of 1.19. Of the 318 hunters who responded to the survey, only 170 (53%) indicated that they actually hunted during this season. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), hunters reported an average rating of 5.26.

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2015

Last Revised: 3 Feb 2016

	Resident
SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE SEASON Licenses Sold	801
Number Unique Licenseholders	536
Number Sampled by Survey	466
Number Responded to Survey	318
Responded and Participated in Season	170
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	148
Survey Response Rate	68.2%
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	376
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	1.18
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	377
Average Canada Goose Bag for Season	1.19
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting	634
Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters	287
Projected Canada Goose Bag	635
Reported Geese shot but not retrieved	23
Projected Geese shot but not retrieved	73
Special Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	5.26
TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST SPECIAL SEASON = 635	

**1* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied*