

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

The 2015 white-fronted goose season was open from 26 September - 20 December statewide. The daily bag limit was 2 geese and the season possession limit was 6. To hunt white-fronted geese, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult, senior or junior combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification. Nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident waterfowl license. All hunters age 16 and over were also required to obtain a federal waterfowl stamp.

Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. There were a projected 1,372 hunters who hunted at least one day for white-fronted geese (1,097 residents, 275 nonresidents). There were a projected 1,819 white-fronted geese harvested (1,618 by residents and 201 by nonresidents).

Comparison of the 2006 - 2015 white-fronted goose harvests

Year	Resident Hunters				Nonresident Hunters			
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season
2006	1,152	979	7.59	0.85	582	221	4.84	0.38
2007	971	757	8.00	0.78	357	96	4.82	0.27
2008	903	1,571	6.61	1.74	343	196	4.85	0.57
2009	902	1,443	5.98	1.60	240	91	5.75	0.38
2010	985	847	6.78	0.86	261	44	5.86	0.17
2011	973	896	4.24	0.92	288	115	5.28	0.40
2012	1,685	3,114	6.96	1.85	440	371	4.88	0.84
2013	1,098	1,694	5.83	1.54	224	197	5.13	0.88
2014	951	1,378	6.13	1.45	244	151	4.80	0.62
2015	1,097	1,618	5.93	1.47	275	201	5.20	0.73

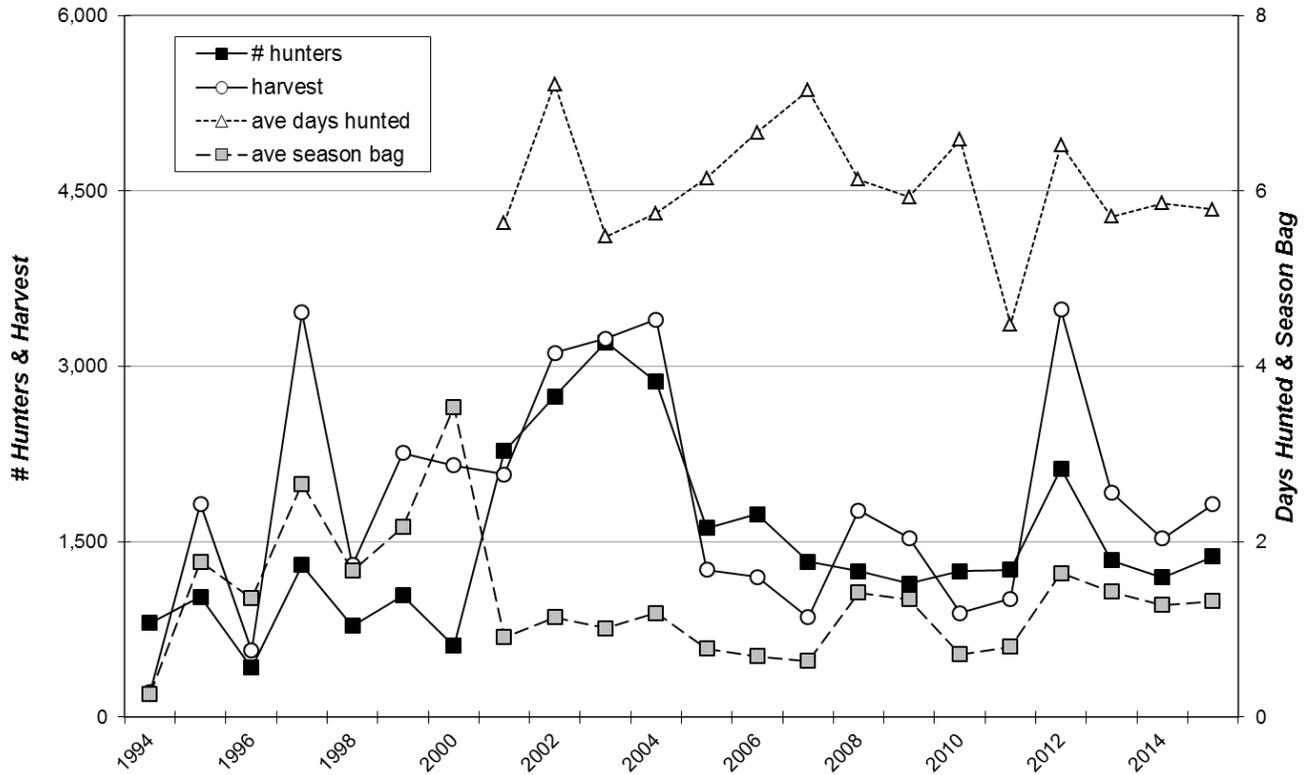
WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2015

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	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT						Sum Estimates	Resident Total
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No. Hunters Reporting White-fronted Goose Days	18	97	0	4	13		132	118
Total Reported White-fronted Goose Hunted Days	179	486	0	11	33		709	700
Average Days Hunted White-fronted Geese	9.94	5.01		2.75	2.54		5.20	5.93
Total Reported White-fronted Geese Bagged	10	76	0	4	2		92	174
Average White-fronted Goose Bag for Season	0.56	0.78		1.00	0.15		0.73	1.47
Projected Days White-fronted Hunting	221	1,149	0	18	44		1,432	6,508
Projected No. White-fronted Goose Hunters	22	229	0	7	17		275	1,097
Projected White-fronted Goose Bag	12	180	0	7	3		201	1,618
TOTAL WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST = 1,819								

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

STATEWIDE WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST, 1994-2015



NOTE: Prior to 2001, the definition of a white-fronted goose hunter was one who bagged 1+ white-front. Starting in 2001, the definition was changed to a hunter who spent 1+ days hunting white-fronted geese. This definition increased the number of hunters and decreased the average season bag estimates, but not the overall harvest projections.