

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE

The 2016 Special Unit Canada goose season was open from October 15 to December 18 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 148 hunters received multiple licenses for the 2016 season, including 38 hunters who received the maximum of 5 licenses each.

In 2016, there were 479 residents licensed to hunt the Special Canada goose season. All license holders who provided email addresses when applying for their license were surveyed and 195 responses were received for a response rate of 41%. All responding hunters used the Internet.

From the survey responses, there were an estimated 410 Canada geese harvested for an average bag of 0.86. Of the 195 hunters who responded to the survey, only 90 (46%) 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 4.74.

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2016

Last Revised: 30 March 2017

	Resident
SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE SEASON Licenses Sold	799
Number Unique Licenseholders	479
Number Sampled by Survey	479
Number Responded to Survey	195
Responded and Participated in Season	90
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	105
Survey Response Rate	40.7%
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	201
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	1.03
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	167
Average Canada Goose Bag for Season	0.86
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting	494
Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters	221
Projected Canada Goose Bag	410
Reported Geese shot but not retrieved	10
Projected Geese shot but not retrieved	53
Special Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	4.74

TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST SPECIAL SEASON = 410

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