

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

The 2016 white-fronted goose season was open from 24 September - 18 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.

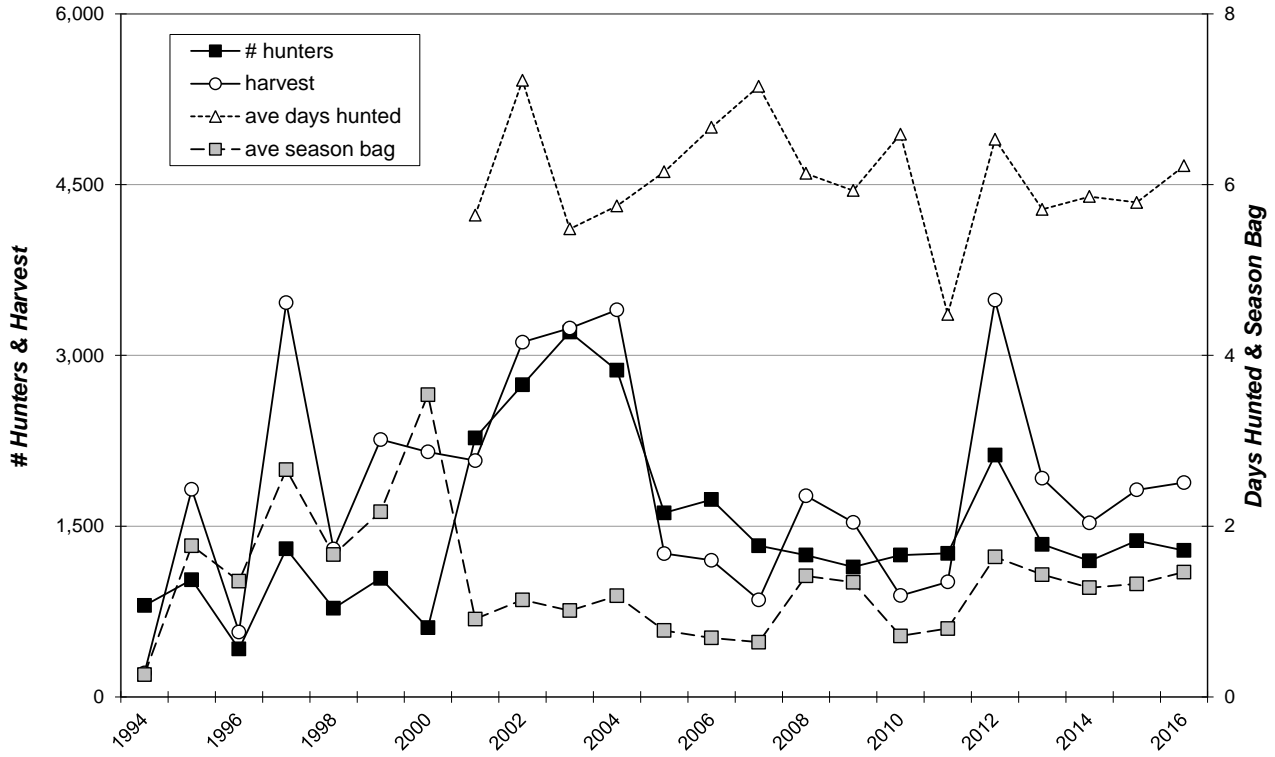
Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. There were a projected 1,287 hunters who hunted at least one day for white-fronted geese (992 residents, 295 nonresidents). There were a projected 1,883 white-fronted geese harvested (1,707 by residents and 176 by nonresidents).

Comparison of the 2007 - 2016 white-fronted goose harvests

Year	Residents				Nonresidents			
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season
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
2016	992	1,707	6.43	1.72	295	176	5.52	0.60

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2016								Resident Total
NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT							Sum	
	00A	00B	11A	00X	00Y	YW1	Estimates	
No. Hunters Reporting White-fronted Goose Days	17	89	0	19	13		138	129
Total Reported White-fronted Goose Hunted Days	262	446	0	50	39		797	829
Average Days Hunted White-fronted Geese	15.41	5.01		2.63	3.00		5.52	6.43
Total Reported White-fronted Geese Bagged	8	57	0	5	11		81	222
Average White-fronted Goose Bag for Season	0.47	0.64		0.26	0.85		0.60	1.72
Projected Days White-fronted Hunting	393	1,094	0	85	56		1,628	6,374
Projected No. White-fronted Goose Hunters	26	218	0	32	19		295	992
Projected White-fronted Goose Bag	12	140	0	9	16		176	1,707
TOTAL WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST = 1,883								

STATEWIDE WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST, 1994-2016



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.