

CANADA GEESE (all seasons)

Information provided in this section pertains to the entire Canada goose harvest in South Dakota and combines information from all seasons. The next three sections report specifically on the August Management Take, Early Fall (September) and Special Bennett County seasons.

The 2015 Canada goose season was open from 1 September 2015 - 14 February 2016 statewide, although some units may have opened later and/or closed sooner. A special August Management Take was also open from 15 -31 August. The daily bag was 15 geese prior to 1 October; and after that it was 8 geese. Possession was three times the daily bag except during the August Take when there was no limit. Resident hunters were separately licensed for one Special Canada goose unit in Bennett County. To hunt 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. Special Canada goose season hunters were required to apply for and receive Special Canada goose season licenses.

In 2015, there were a projected 12,332 hunters who hunted at least one day for Canada geese (10,228 residents, 2,104 nonresidents). From the survey responses, there were a projected total of 78,954 Canada geese harvested (73,471 by residents, 5,482 by nonresidents). Average Canada goose bag for residents was 7.18, for nonresidents 2.70. An estimated 17,731 Canada geese were harvested within 20 miles of the Missouri River.

The five counties with the highest reported harvest by residents were Hughes, Day, Codington, Clark, and Minnehaha, and by nonresidents in unit 00B were Day, Brown, Roberts, Edmunds, and Clark.

When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), Canada goose hunters reported an average rating of 4.78 for residents and 4.98 for nonresidents. The average days hunted by all hunters (7.00 residents, 4.30 nonresidents) projected to a total of 80,833 recreation days for the season.

Comparison of the 2006 - 2015 Canada goose harvests

Year	<i>Resident Hunters</i>					<i>Nonresident Hunters</i>				
	<i>Number Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Ave Day Hunted</i>	<i>Ave Bag</i>	<i>Satisfaction</i>	<i>Number Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Ave Day Hunted</i>	<i>Ave Bag</i>	<i>Satisfaction</i>
2006	16,103	118,357	7.53	7.35	4.95	2,789	7,419	4.03	2.66	5.21
2007	14,026	94,535	7.24	6.74	4.81	2,349	6,248	3.82	2.66	5.21
2008	13,463	97,068	7.21	7.21	5.03	2,483	6,381	3.89	2.57	5.24
2009	12,927	98,892	7.25	7.65	4.92	1,986	5,561	4.14	2.80	5.27
2010	13,552	123,188	7.53	9.09	5.19	2,198	6,440	4.45	2.93	5.50
2011	13,376	131,505	7.28	9.83	5.31	2,167	6,332	4.25	2.92	5.63
2012	13,725	157,363	7.61	11.47	5.19	2,277	7,054	4.37	3.10	5.44
2013	12,004	117,846	7.54	9.82	5.06	2,160	6,310	4.24	2.92	5.37
2014	12,130	97,956	6.92	8.08	4.96	1,969	5,193	4.31	2.76	5.22
2015	10,228	73,471	7.00	7.18	4.78	2,104	5,482	4.30	2.70	4.98

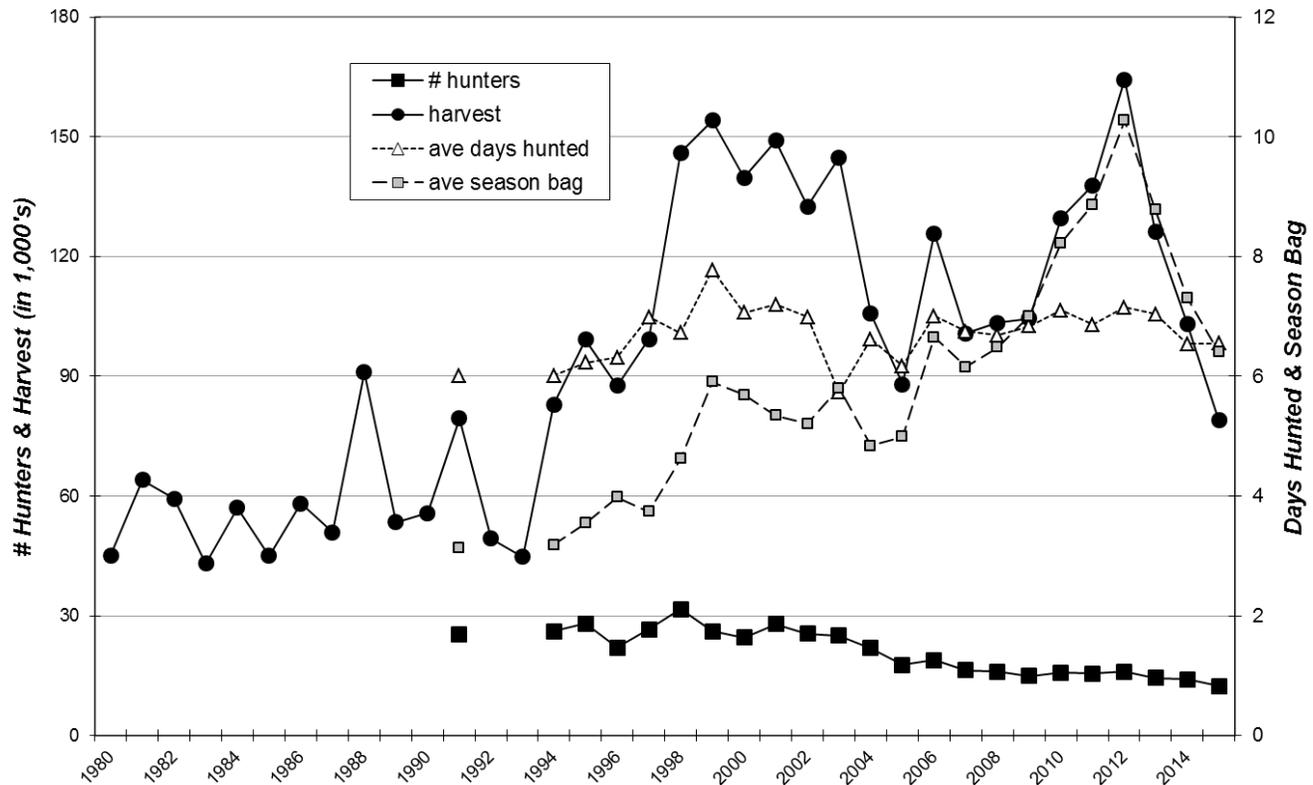
CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2015

Revised: 1 June 2016

	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT					Sum Estimates	Resident Total
	00A	00B	11A	00X	00Y		
No. Hunters Reporting Canada Goose Days	91	651	9	149	145	1,045	1,100
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	655	3,047	16	374	404	4,496	7,705
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	7.20	4.68	1.78	2.51	2.79	4.30	7.00
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	341	1,507	20	623	326	2,817	7,902
Average Canada Goose Bag for Season	3.75	2.31	2.22	4.18	2.25	2.70	7.18
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting	810	7,203	22	624	533	9,193	71,640
Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters	113	1,539	12	249	191	2,104	10,228
Projected Canada Goose Bag	422	3,563	28	1,040	430	5,482	73,471
Canada Geese Reported w/in 20 miles of Missouri River	299	175	0	502	0	976	1,907
Projected Canada Geese Bagged w/in 20 miles of Missouri	370	414	0	838	0	1,622	17,731
TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST ALL SEASONS = 78,954							
Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	4.53	4.92	3.89	5.25	5.33	4.98	4.78

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

STATEWIDE CANADA GOOSE (all seasons) HARVEST, 1980-2015



Resident Canada Goose Harvest Distribution by County 2015

COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION				HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Birds/Hunter **
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	36	335	3.6	364	337	3,133	4.7	3,442	9.4
Pennington	11	102	1.1	111	86	800	1.2	878	7.8
Brown	53	493	5.2	536	272	2,529	3.8	2,778	5.1
Beadle	20	186	2.0	202	69	642	1.0	705	3.5
Codington	17	158	1.7	172	409	3,803	5.7	4,178	24.1
Brookings	34	316	3.4	344	114	1,060	1.6	1,164	3.4
Yankton	14	130	1.4	142	84	781	1.2	858	6.0
Davison	27	251	2.7	273	210	1,953	2.9	2,145	7.8
Lawrence	3	28	0.3	30	33	307	0.5	337	11.0
Aurora	1	9	0.1	10	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Bennett	20	186	2.0	202	100	930	1.4	1,021	5.0
Bon Homme	17	158	1.7	172	73	679	1.0	746	4.3
Brule	10	93	1.0	101	112	1,041	1.6	1,144	11.2
Buffalo	2	19	0.2	20	26	242	0.4	266	13.0
Butte	8	74	0.8	81	30	279	0.4	306	3.8
Campbell	8	74	0.8	81	15	139	0.2	153	1.9
Charles Mix	16	149	1.6	162	120	1,116	1.7	1,226	7.5
Clark	56	521	5.5	567	362	3,366	5.0	3,698	6.5
Clay	6	56	0.6	61	11	102	0.2	112	1.8
Corson	2	19	0.2	20	17	158	0.2	174	8.5
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Day	80	744	7.9	809	568	5,281	7.9	5,802	7.1
Deuel	23	214	2.3	233	197	1,832	2.7	2,012	8.6
Dewey	3	28	0.3	30	27	251	0.4	276	9.0
Douglas	5	46	0.5	51	5	46	0.1	51	1.0
Edmunds	16	149	1.6	162	111	1,032	1.5	1,134	6.9
Fall River	18	167	1.8	182	131	1,218	1.8	1,338	7.3
Faulk	6	56	0.6	61	97	902	1.3	991	16.2
Grant	20	186	2.0	202	105	976	1.5	1,073	5.3
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Haakon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Hamlin	26	242	2.6	263	193	1,794	2.7	1,971	7.4
Hand	5	46	0.5	51	13	121	0.2	133	2.6
Hanson	8	74	0.8	81	17	158	0.2	174	2.1
Harding	2	19	0.2	20	9	84	0.1	92	4.5
Hughes	89	828	8.8	900	877	8,154	12.2	8,958	9.9
Hutchinson	5	46	0.5	51	31	288	0.4	317	6.2
Hyde	1	9	0.1	10	2	19	0.0	20	2.0
Jackson	2	19	0.2	20	11	102	0.2	112	5.5
Jerauld	3	28	0.3	30	5	46	0.1	51	1.7
Jones	2	19	0.2	20	51	474	0.7	521	25.5
Kingsbury	36	335	3.6	364	300	2,789	4.2	3,064	8.3
Lake	50	465	4.9	506	190	1,767	2.6	1,941	3.8
Lincoln	10	93	1.0	101	30	279	0.4	306	3.0
Lyman	11	102	1.1	111	38	353	0.5	388	3.5
McCook	22	205	2.2	223	96	893	1.3	981	4.4
McPherson	19	177	1.9	192	232	2,157	3.2	2,370	12.2
Marshall	31	288	3.1	314	192	1,785	2.7	1,961	6.2
Meade	3	28	0.3	30	1	9	0.0	10	0.3
Mellette	1	9	0.1	10	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miner	11	102	1.1	111	34	316	0.5	347	3.1
Moody	11	102	1.1	111	86	800	1.2	878	7.8
Perkins	9	84	0.9	91	60	558	0.8	613	6.7
Potter	10	93	1.0	101	47	437	0.7	480	4.7
Roberts	36	335	3.6	364	213	1,980	3.0	2,176	5.9
Sanborn	6	56	0.6	61	25	232	0.3	255	4.2
Spink	15	139	1.5	152	233	2,166	3.2	2,380	15.5
Stanley	15	139	1.5	152	128	1,190	1.8	1,307	8.5
Sully	16	149	1.6	162	171	1,590	2.4	1,747	10.7
Tripp	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Turner	7	65	0.7	71	45	418	0.6	460	6.4
Union	7	65	0.7	71	76	707	1.1	776	10.9
Walworth	5	46	0.5	51	46	428	0.6	470	9.2
Ziebach	2	19	0.2	20	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Shannon	2	19	0.2	20	19	177	0.3	194	9.5
Todd	1	9	0.1	10	1	9	0.0	10	1.0
Unk/Unreported	89	828	-	-	709	6,592	-	-	8.0
TOTALS:	1,100	10,228	100%	10,228	7,902	73,471	100%	73,471	7.18

Last Revised: 2 June 2016

* Includes unknown county projection values by assuming unknown county values are distributed the same as reported county values. Total values may be different due to rounding.

** Calculation uses "# projected" values without correction for unknown/unreported county values.