

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 two sections report specifically on the Early Fall (September) and Special Bennett County seasons.

The 2019 Canada goose season was open from 7 September 2019 - 16 February 2020 statewide, although some units may have opened later and/or closed sooner. The daily bag was 8 geese in Unit 1, but only 4 in Units 2 and 3 (refer to 2019 Hunting Handbook). Possession was three times the daily bag. 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 2019, there were an estimated 11,473 hunters who hunted at least one day for Canada geese (9,264 residents, 2,209 nonresidents). From the survey responses, there were a projected total of 69,485 Canada geese harvested (78,143 by residents, 5,995 by nonresidents). Average Canada goose bag for residents was 8.44, and for nonresidents 2.82. An estimated 18,378 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 Deuel, and by nonresidents in unit 00B were Day, Marshall, Roberts, Brown, 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 5.41 for residents and 5.09 for nonresidents. The average days hunted by all hunters (6.85 residents, 4.05 nonresidents) projected to a total of 72,526 recreation days for the season.

Comparison of the 2010 - 2019 Canada goose harvest statistics

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>
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
2016	9,964	85,809	6.98	8.61	4.87	2,046	5,485	4.51	2.77	4.86
2017	9,762	76,827	6.95	7.87	5.06	2,428	6,601	4.19	2.74	5.18
2018	8,633	63,848	6.67	7.40	4.93	2,289	5,638	4.17	2.52	5.11
2019	9,264	78,143	6.85	8.44	5.41	2,209	5,995	4.05	2.82	5.09

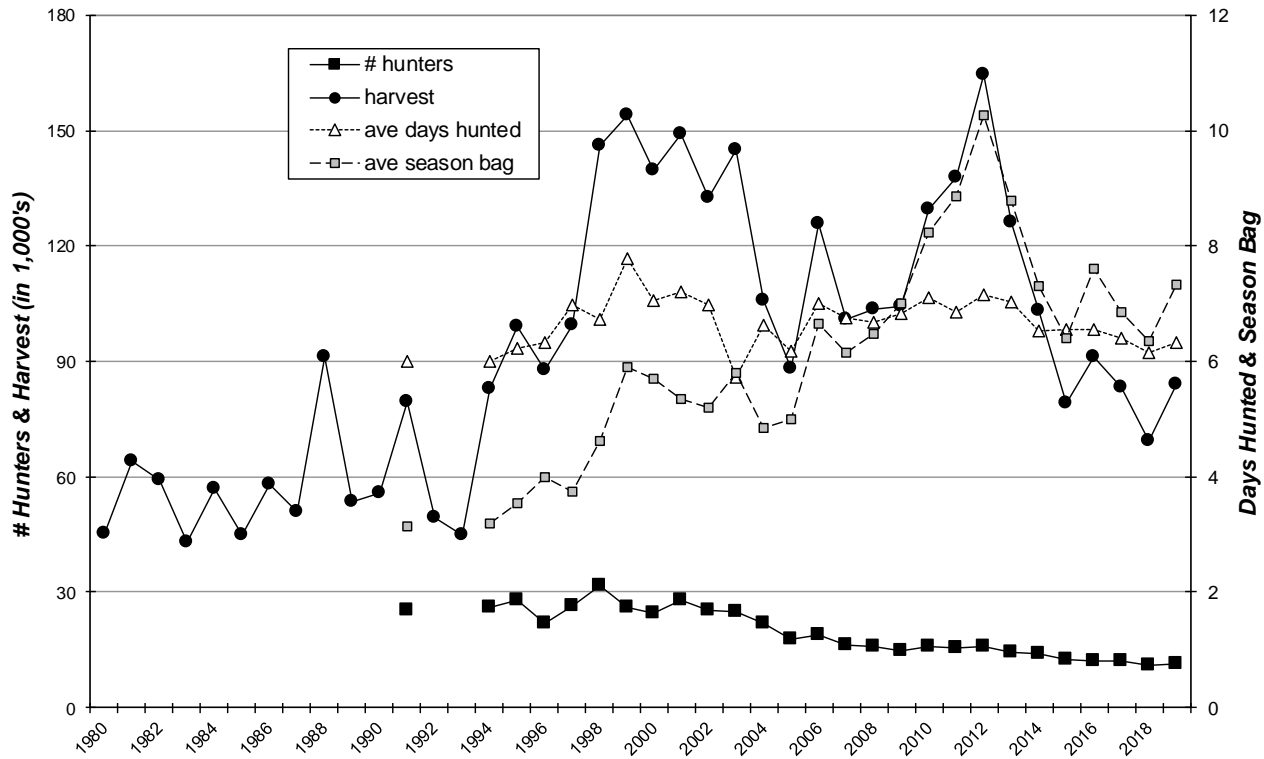
CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2019

Revised: 15 June 2020

	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT								NR Totals	Resident Total
	00A	00B	11A	00V	00X	00Y	00Z	YW1		
No. Hunters Reporting Canada Goose Days	104	574	4	93	65	142	55		1,037	1,341
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	760	2,501	11	263	148	396	121		4,200	9,192
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	7.31	4.36	2.75	2.83	2.28	2.79	2.20		4.05	6.85
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	786	1,438	2	202	202	204	89		2,923	11,312
Average Canada Goose Bag for Season	7.56	2.51	0.50	2.17	3.11	1.44	1.62		2.82	8.44
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting	1,042	6,493	18	437	320	543	175		9,028	63,498
Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters	143	1,490	7	154	140	195	80		2,209	9,264
Projected Canada Goose Bag	1,078	3,733	3	335	436	280	129		5,995	78,143
Canada Geese Reported w/in 20 miles of Missouri River	651	63	N/A	5	147	N/A	1		867	2,460
Projected Canada Geese Bagged w/in 20 miles Missouri River	893	164		8	317		1		1,384	16,994
TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST ALL SEASONS = 84,138										
Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	5.09	5.54	5.25	5.55	5.14	5.14	5.38		5.41	5.09

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

STATEWIDE CANADA GOOSE (all seasons) HARVEST, 1980-2019



Resident Canada Goose Harvest Distribution by County 2019

COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION				HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Birds/Hunter **
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	48	332	3.8	354	375	2,590	3.5	2,758	7.8
Pennington	10	69	0.8	74	47	325	0.4	346	4.7
Brown	67	463	5.3	494	540	3,730	5.1	3,972	8.1
Beadle	29	200	2.3	214	377	2,604	3.5	2,773	13.0
Codington	56	387	4.5	413	567	3,917	5.3	4,170	10.1
Brookings	58	401	4.6	428	501	3,461	4.7	3,685	8.6
Yankton	28	193	2.2	207	198	1,368	1.9	1,456	7.1
Davison	13	90	1.0	96	174	1,202	1.6	1,280	13.4
Lawrence	12	83	1.0	89	56	387	0.5	412	4.7
Aurora	11	76	0.9	81	61	421	0.6	449	5.5
Bennett	29	200	2.3	214	191	1,319	1.8	1,405	6.6
Bon Homme	17	117	1.4	125	125	863	1.2	919	7.4
Brule	16	111	1.3	118	96	663	0.9	706	6.0
Buffalo	2	14	0.2	15	3	21	0.0	22	1.5
Butte	15	104	1.2	111	49	338	0.5	360	3.3
Campbell	6	41	0.5	44	24	166	0.2	177	4.0
Charles Mix	30	207	2.4	221	255	1,762	2.4	1,876	8.5
Clark	57	394	4.5	420	602	4,159	5.7	4,428	10.6
Clay	13	90	1.0	96	105	725	1.0	772	8.1
Corson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Day	79	546	6.3	583	662	4,573	6.2	4,869	8.4
Deuel	29	200	2.3	214	534	3,689	5.0	3,928	18.4
Dewey	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Douglas	2	14	0.2	15	11	76	0.1	81	5.5
Edmunds	21	145	1.7	155	116	801	1.1	853	5.5
Fall River	20	138	1.6	148	149	1,029	1.4	1,096	7.5
Faulk	1	7	0.1	7	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Grant	28	193	2.2	207	254	1,755	2.4	1,868	9.1
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	39	269	3.1	288	353	2,439	3.3	2,596	9.1
Hand	2	14	0.2	15	3	21	0.0	22	1.5
Hanson	9	62	0.7	66	71	490	0.7	522	7.9
Harding	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Hughes	105	725	8.4	774	923	6,376	8.7	6,789	8.8
Hutchinson	10	69	0.8	74	51	352	0.5	375	5.1
Hyde	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Jerauld	2	14	0.2	15	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jones	1	7	0.1	7	8	55	0.1	59	8.0
Kingsbury	53	366	4.2	391	382	2,639	3.6	2,810	7.2
Lake	35	242	2.8	258	319	2,204	3.0	2,346	9.1
Lincoln	13	90	1.0	96	72	497	0.7	530	5.5
Lyman	9	62	0.7	66	94	649	0.9	691	10.4
McCook	20	138	1.6	148	105	725	1.0	772	5.3
McPherson	16	111	1.3	118	223	1,540	2.1	1,640	13.9
Marshall	22	152	1.8	162	91	629	0.9	669	4.1
Meade	10	69	0.8	74	15	104	0.1	110	1.5
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Miner	12	83	1.0	89	187	1,292	1.8	1,375	15.6
Moody	12	83	1.0	89	116	801	1.1	853	9.7
Perkins	9	62	0.7	66	42	290	0.4	309	4.7
Potter	8	55	0.6	59	39	269	0.4	287	4.9
Roberts	48	332	3.8	354	401	2,770	3.8	2,949	8.4
Sanborn	11	76	0.9	81	99	684	0.9	728	9.0
Spink	15	104	1.2	111	76	525	0.7	559	5.1
Stanley	20	138	1.6	148	236	1,630	2.2	1,736	11.8
Sully	38	263	3.0	280	307	2,121	2.9	2,258	8.1
Tripp	3	21	0.2	22	36	249	0.3	265	12.0
Turner	17	117	1.4	125	197	1,361	1.9	1,449	11.6
Union	13	90	1.0	96	93	642	0.9	684	7.2
Walworth	6	41	0.5	44	12	83	0.1	88	2.0
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Todd	1	7	0.1	7	1	7	0.0	7	1.0
Unk/Unreported	85	587	-	-	688	4,753	-	-	8.1
TOTALS:	1,341	9,264	100%	9,264	11,312	78,143	100%	78,143	8.44

Last Revised: 16 June 2020

* 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.