

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE

The 2020 Special Unit Canada goose season was open from October 17 to December 20 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 up to 5 licenses for the season, if licenses were left after the 2nd deadline drawing. A total of 170 hunters received multiple licenses for the 2020 season, including 35 hunters who received the maximum of 5 licenses each.

In 2020, there were 410 residents licensed to hunt the Special Canada goose season. All license holders who provided email addresses when applying for their license were surveyed and 185 responses were received for a response rate of 45%.

From the survey responses, there were an estimated 731 Canada geese harvested for an average bag of 1.78 per license holder. Of the 185 hunters who responded to the survey, 90 (49%) indicated that they 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 5.64.

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2020

Last Revised: 26 May 2021

	Resident
SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE SEASON Licenses Sold	754
Number Unique Licenseholders	410
Number Sampled by Survey	410
Number Responded to Survey	185
Responded and Participated in Season	90
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	95
Survey Response Rate	45.1%
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	227
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	1.23
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	330
Average Canada Goose Bag for Season	1.78
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting	503
Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters	199
Projected Canada Goose Bag	731
Reported Geese shot but not retrieved	23
Projected Geese shot but not retrieved	105
Special Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	5.64

TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST SPECIAL SEASON = 731

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