

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

The 2017 white-fronted goose season was open from 30 September - 24 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.

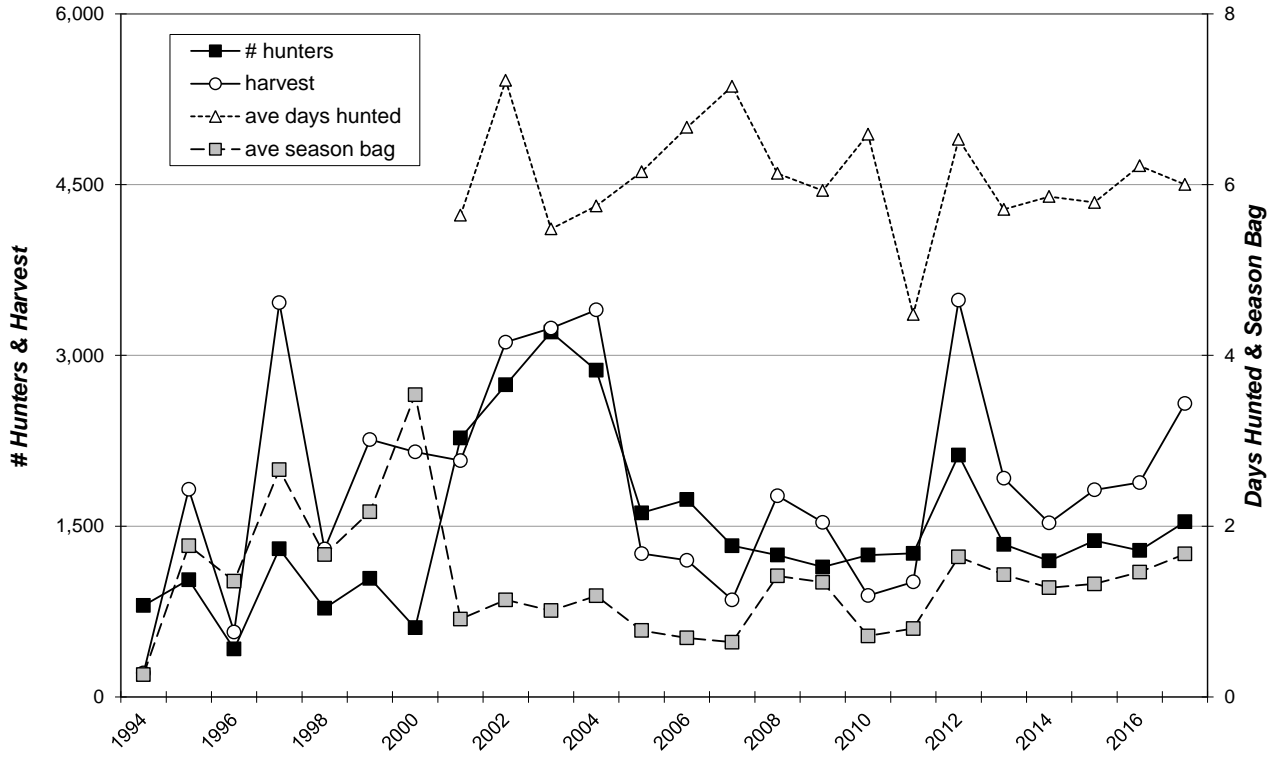
Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. There were a projected 1,539 hunters who hunted at least one day for white-fronted geese (1,185 residents, 354 nonresidents). There were a projected 2,578 white-fronted geese harvested (2,286 by residents and 292 by nonresidents).

Comparison of the 2008 - 2017 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
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
2017	1,185	2,286	6.30	1.93	354	292	5.00	0.83

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2017										
<i>Revised: 30 May 2018</i>										
	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT							NR Totals	Resident Total	
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No. Hunters Reporting White-fronted Goose Days	19	104	0	11	4	17	4	159	155	
Total Reported White-fronted Goose Hunted Days	181	532	0	33	7	40	9	802	977	
Average Days Hunted White-fronted Geese	9.53	5.12		3.00	1.75	2.35	2.25	5.00	6.30	
Total Reported White-fronted Geese Bagged	11	80	0	23	3	13	1	131	299	
Average White-fronted Goose Bag for Season	0.58	0.77		2.09	0.75	0.76	0.25	0.83	1.93	
Projected Days White-fronted Hunting	269	1,344	0	67	13	60	18	1,770	7,469	
Projected No. White-fronted Goose Hunters	28	263	0	22	7	25	8	354	1,185	
Projected White-fronted Goose Bag	16	202	0	47	5	19	2	292	2,286	
TOTAL WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST = 2,578										

STATEWIDE WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST, 1994-2017



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.