

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE

The 2024 Special Unit Canada goose season was open from October 19 to December 22 in Bennett County. To hunt this resident-only season, hunters were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, senior or adult combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification, and for those hunters aged 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 3 licenses for the season, if licenses were left after the 2nd deadline drawing. A total of 132 hunters received multiple licenses for the 2024 season, including 72 hunters who received the maximum of 3 licenses each.

In 2024, there were 356 residents licensed to hunt the Special Canada goose season. All license holders who provided a valid email address when applying for their license were surveyed and 162 responses were received for a response rate of 46%.

From the survey responses, there were an estimated 492 Canada geese harvested for an average bag of 1.38 per license holder. Of the 162 hunters who responded to the survey, 69 (43%) 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 5.03.

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2024

Last Revised: 4 June 2025

	Resident
SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE SEASON Licenses Sold	560
Number Unique Licenseholders	356
Number Sampled by Survey	356
Number Responded to Survey	162
Responded and Participated in Season	69
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	93
Survey Response Rate	45.5%
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	188
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	1.16
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	224
Average Canada Goose Bag for Season	1.38
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting	413
Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters	152
Projected Canada Goose Bag	492
Reported Geese shot but not retrieved	6
Projected Geese shot but not retrieved	31
Special Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	5.03
TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST SPECIAL SEASON = 492	

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

SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST, 2007-2024

