

# **SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE**

The 2008 Special Unit Canada goose season was open from 18 October to 21 December 2008 in Bennett County. To hunt this resident-only season, hunters were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, 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 tag for that specific unit. Hunters that successfully drew a license were allowed to harvest a total of 3 geese for the season.

In 2008, there were 800 residents licensed to hunt the Special Canada goose season. A random sample of 400 license holders were surveyed (2 were undeliverable) and 337 responses were received for a response rate of 85%. Approximately 31% of responding hunters used the Internet response system.

From the survey responses, there were an estimated 720 Canada geese harvested for an average Canada goose bag of 0.90. Of the 337 hunters who responded to the survey, only 193 (57%) indicated that they actually hunted during this season. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), Special Season hunters reported an average rating of 5.16.

<b><u>SPECIAL RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE HARVEST 2008</u></b>	
<i>Last Revised: 26 Feb 09</i>	
	<b>Resident</b>
<b>SPECIAL CANADA GOOSE SEASON Licenses Sold</b>	800
Number Sampled by Survey	398
Number Responded to Survey	337
Responded and Participated in Season	<b>193</b>
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	144
<b>Survey Response Rate</b>	<b>84.7%</b>
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	356
<b>Average Days Hunted Canada Geese</b>	<b>1.06</b>
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	304
<b>Average Canada Goose Bag for Season</b>	<b>0.90</b>
<b>Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting</b>	<b>848</b>
<b>Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters</b>	<b>458</b>
<b>Projected Canada Goose Bag</b>	<b>720</b>
<b>Special Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*</b>	5.16
<b>TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST SPECIAL SEASON = 720</b>	