

MOURNING DOVE

The 2009 mourning dove season was open 1 September -30 October statewide. The daily limit was 15 birds, possession 30. To hunt doves, residents were required to hold a small game, 1-day small game, adult or junior combination, or youth small game license; nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident small game or nonresident youth small game license. All hunters were also required to purchase a Migratory Bird Certificate.

In 2009, 32,066 resident and 101,922 nonresident licenses were issued to hunt doves. Approximately 12% of resident migratory bird hunters and 8% of nonresident small game hunters were surveyed for the mourning dove season. Survey response rates were 75% for residents and 72% for nonresidents.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting doves, there were an estimated 7,177 active dove hunters.

A projected total of 121,519 doves were harvested during the 2009 season. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least, 7 being most satisfied), resident dove hunters reported an average satisfaction rating of 4.93, nonresidents 5.81.

Summary comparison of the 2000 - 2009 mourning dove seasons

<i>Year</i>	<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>
2000	11,881	191,759	5.16	16.14	4.51	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2001	11,990	198,195	4.75	16.53	4.66	231	2,804	1.00	12.14	4.50
2002	10,599	193,114	4.49	18.22	4.72	536	8,876	2.81	16.56	5.75
2003	12,060	225,522	4.79	18.70	4.84	452	9,415	3.50	20.83	6.58
2004	10,240	174,899	4.48	17.08	4.26	339	6,366	3.89	18.78	4.86
2005	9,568	159,690	4.48	16.69	4.60	344	3,268	4.25	9.50	5.87
2006	8,919	150,820	4.13	16.91	4.96	134	1,723	3.57	12.86	6.57
2007	7,722	125,174	4.19	16.21	4.98	439	10,694	3.86	24.36	5.79
2008	7,346	125,102	4.39	17.03	5.01	373	7,050	3.40	18.90	6.00
2009	6,892	114,821	4.34	16.66	4.93	285	6,698	4.44	23.50	5.81

MOURNING DOVE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2009

Last Revised: 21 May 2010

	Resident	Non Residents
Licenses Sold *	32,066	101,922
Projected ACTIVE MOURNING DOVE HUNTERS	6,892	285
Number Sampled by Survey	3,828	7,737
Number Responded to Survey	2,880	5,589
Responded and Participated in Season	619	16
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	2,261	5,573
Survey Response Rate	75.2%	72.2%
No. Hunters Reporting Dove Days	619	16
Total Reported Dove Hunted Days	2,687	71
Average Days Hunted Doves	4.34	4.44
Total Reported Doves Bagged	10,315	376
Average Dove Bag for Season	16.66	23.50
Projected Days Dove Hunting	29,911	1,265
Projected No. Dove Hunters	6,892	285
Projected Dove Bag	114,821	6,698
Avg Days Hunted		4.34
TOTAL DOVE HARVEST =	121,519	
Dove Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	4.93	5.81

* Nonresident number represents total number of small game licenses sold.
1 Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied.

STATEWIDE MOURNING DOVE HARVEST, 1968-2009

