

WHITE-FRONTED GEESE

The 2009 white-fronted goose season was open from 26 September - 20 December statewide. The daily bag limit was one goose and the season possession limit was two. To hunt white-fronted geese, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult 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. In 2009, there were a projected 1,142 hunters who hunted at least one day for white-fronted geese (902 residents, 240 nonresidents). From the survey responses, there was a projected total of 1,534 white-fronted geese harvested (1,443 by residents and 91 by nonresidents).

Comparison of the 1999 - 2009 white-fronted goose harvests

Year	Resident Hunters				Nonresident Hunters			
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Days Hunted	Ave Bag, Season
1999	1,080	2,192	n/a	2.03	58	263	n/a	4.54
2000	522	2,004	n/a	3.84	86	148	n/a	1.72
2001	2,156	1,833	7.13	0.85	564	243	4.33	0.43
2002	2,173	2,912	7.30	1.34	568	204	6.93	0.36
2003	2,580	2,890	5.77	1.12	624	349	4.27	0.56
2004	2,342	3,162	6.10	1.35	527	237	4.18	0.45
2005	1,216	1,167	6.45	0.96	401	92	5.23	0.23
2006	1,152	979	7.59	0.85	582	221	4.84	0.38
2007	971	757	8.00	0.78	357	96	4.82	0.27
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

NOTE: Previous 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.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2009

Last Revised: 24 May 2010

	Resident	Nonresident
No. Hunters Reporting White-fronted Goose Days	81	65
Total Reported White-fronted Goose Hunted Days	484	374
Average Days Hunted White-fronted Geese	5.98	5.75
Total Reported White-fronted Geese Bagged	130	25
Average White-fronted Goose Bag for Season	1.60	0.38
Projected Days White-fronted Hunting	5,394	1,380
Projected No. White-fronted Goose Hunters	902	240
Projected White-fronted Goose Bag	1,443	91
TOTAL WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST = 1,534		
White-fronted Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score *1*	4.78	5.22

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

STATEWIDE WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE HARVEST, 1954-2009

