



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Natural Resources
Wildlife Division

Connecticut Canada Goose Agricultural Depredation Permit Application

Type or print legibly and answer all questions thoroughly. Mail completed application to the Migratory Game Bird Program, Franklin Swamp WMA, 7 Plains Road, North Franklin, CT 06254, or email the application to Kelly.Kubik@ct.gov. Allow two weeks for processing. Permits are free-of-charge and are valid for one season (March through August). Information regarding permit renewals will be mailed to permit holders before March of each year.

I. Agricultural Property Information

Name of Farm: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number (include area code): _____

Principal owner(s): _____

Describe the type of agricultural operation (crop, dairy, produce, etc.): _____

Acreage of total property: _____

Acreage under agriculture production: _____

Acreage owned: _____

Acreage leased: _____

Provide the property owner's name(s) and address(es) if you lease any land for agricultural production:

Leased Property # 1

Property Owner's Name(s): _____

Physical Location of Property: _____

Phone number (include area code): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Leased Property # 2

Property Owner's Name(s): _____

Physical Location of Property: _____

Phone number (include area code): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Leased Property # 3

Property Owner's Name(s): _____

Physical Location of Property: _____

Phone number (include area code): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Leased Property # 4

Property Owner's Name(s): _____

Physical Location of Property: _____

Phone number (include area code): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Provide the agents(s)/employee(s) names who will be authorized to act under this permit:

Agent/employee (1): _____

Agent/employee (2): _____

Agent/employee (3): _____

Agent/employee (4): _____

Agent/employee (5): _____

Agent/employee (6): _____

Agent/employee (7): _____

Agent/employee (8): _____

Agent/employee (9): _____

Agent/employee (10): _____

II. Damage Information

In what year did you first begin to experience problems with Canada geese: _____

In the last five years has the magnitude of your Canada goose problems been (check one):

☐ Decreasing ☐ Same ☐ Increasing

How many Canada geese are present on your property during the following months?

March: _____ April: _____ May: _____

June: _____ July: _____ August: _____

What would you consider the acceptable number of Canada geese on your property during the following months?

March: _____ April: _____ May: _____

June: _____ July: _____ August: _____

Describe the crop damage caused by Canada geese and the monetary loss associated with that depredation during the following months:

March: _____

April: _____

May: _____

June: _____

July: _____

August: _____

III. Damage Management Information

Describe past and present non-lethal Canada goose management activities on your property and their effectiveness:

Dog service: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Fencing: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Habitat modification: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Hazing (harassment): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Mylar tape: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Noise makers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Other: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Describe past and present lethal Canada goose management activities on your property and their effectiveness:

Egg addling (as authorized under a Federal Depredation Permit): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Hunting: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Shooting out of season (as authorized under a Federal Depredation Permit): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

Information Concerning Canada Goose Agricultural Depredation Permits

Effective September 11, 2006, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implemented new regulations concerning the management of nuisance resident Canada geese. These new regulations authorize more aggressive means for the alleviation of problems associated with resident Canada geese. One piece of this new regulation concerns agricultural damage. In order to prevent current or future agriculture depredation from occurring, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is implementing a management program that allows persons actively involved in commercial agriculture (actual or potential gross annual income of \$2,500 or more from the commercial cultivated production of livestock and poultry, grain, forage, fruit, vegetables, flowers, ornamental plants, or Christmas trees) to conduct lethal resident Canada goose damage management actions. These management actions include the destruction of resident Canada goose nests and eggs and the take of resident Canada geese.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Program

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

Persons actively involved in commercial agriculture (actual or potential gross annual income of \$2,500 or more from the commercially cultivated production of livestock and poultry, grain, forage, fruit, vegetables, flowers, ornamental plants, or Christmas trees).

If I lease some/all of my cropland, can I use this permit on that land?

If you lease land, the primary landowner must possess a permit, with you listed as one of the designated agents if control activities are to occur on the leased land.

How much does a permit cost?

Permits are free of charge.

What activities are allowed under this permit?

Non-toxic egg oiling and/or egg and nest destruction (March 1 to August 31). Take by shotgun (April 1 to August 31).

Do you need a firearms hunting license to take geese under this permit?

Designated agents are required to possess a valid Connecticut hunting license and Connecticut Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp; however, landowners, when shooting on their own property, and not acting as an agent on leased land, are exempt from these requirements.

Can you use any other firearms besides a shotgun to take geese?

No, only shotguns using approved non-toxic shot are permitted. Only the following shot shall be used: non-toxic steel shot no larger than BB steel, or any other federally-approved non-toxic shot type, such as bismuth-tin alloy, tungsten iron, tungsten polymer, tungsten matrix, or tungsten-nickel-iron (Hevishot) shot no larger than #2. No person may possess lead shot while acting under this depredation order.

Can you use decoys or calls to lure Canada geese into range under this permit?

No, you are not allowed to use decoys, calls, or any other devices to lure geese within range.

Why is the permit only valid until August 31 of the calendar year?

After August 31, we advise farmers to use our liberal resident Canada goose hunting season that begins in early September.

Where can I get more information about this program?

You can contact the Wildlife Division's Migratory Gamebird Program at 860-418-5960 or by email at Kelly.Kubik@ct.gov.