



**State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
Wildlife Division
Migratory Gamebird Program**

Connecticut Canada Goose Agricultural Depredation Permit Application

Type or print legibly and answer all questions thoroughly. Mail completed application to the Migratory Gamebird Program, Franklin Swamp WMA, 391 Route 32, North Franklin, CT 06254. 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

1. Name of farm: _____

2. Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

3. Phone Number (include area code): (_____) _____ - _____

4. Principal owner(s):

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

6. Acreage of total property: _____

7. Acreage under agriculture production: _____

8. Acreage owned: _____

9. Acreage leased: _____

10. 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: _____

11. 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

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

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

Decreasing

Same

Increasing

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

March: _____

April: _____

May: _____

June: _____

July: _____

August: _____

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

March: _____

April: _____

May: _____

June: _____

July: _____

August: _____

16. 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

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

a. Dog service: (Yes / No)

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

b. Fencing: (Yes / No)

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

c. Habitat modification: (Yes / No)

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

d. Hazing (harassment): (Yes / No)

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

e. Mylar tape: (Yes / No)

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

f. Noise makers: (Yes / No)

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

g. Other: (Yes / No)

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

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

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

Cost: _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

b. Hunting: (Yes / No)

Cost/Revenue (if leased): _____ Date begun: _____ Date concluded: _____

Results and comments: _____

c. 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 United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) implemented new regulations concerning the management of nuisance resident geese. These new regulations authorize more aggressive means for the alleviation of problems associated with resident geese. One piece of the regulations concerns agricultural damage. In order to prevent current or future agriculture depredation, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) has developed an agricultural depredation program to assist farmers in alleviating problems caused by resident Canada geese. This program allows persons actively involved in commercial agriculture to conduct lethal control of resident Canada geese outside of regulated hunting seasons and without a Federal permit. These actions include the destruction of resident Canada goose nests and eggs and the take of adult geese.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Program

Q: Who is eligible to participate in the program?

A: Persons actively involved in commercial agriculture (actual or potential gross annual income of \$2,500.00 or more from the commercially cultivated production of livestock and poultry, grain, forage, fruit, vegetables, flowers, ornamental plants or Christmas trees).

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

A: If control activities are to occur on the land you lease, the primary landowner must possess a permit, with you or your designated agents as sub-permittees.

Q: How much does a permit cost?

A: Permits are free of charge.

Q: What activities are allowed under this permit?

A: Egg oiling and/or egg and nest destruction (March 1 to June 30). Take by shotgun (May 1 to August 31)

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

A: Landowners do not need a hunting license; however designated agents DO NEED a valid Connecticut firearms hunting license.

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

A: No, only shotguns using approved nontoxic shot are permitted.

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

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

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

A: After August 31st we advise farmers to utilize our liberal resident Canada goose hunting season that begins in early September.

Q: Where can I get more information about this program?

A: You can contact the Migratory Gamebird Program at the Franklin Swamp Wildlife Management Area at (860) 642-7239 or by email at Kelly.Kubik@ct.gov