

FHA Grading Terminology

GRADES (EXCEPT MUSKRATS)

IPTII:	Fully prime, above average in quality, texture and pelt preparation, no defects.
I-II:	Prime pelt of above average quality and texture.
GOOD II:	Slightly early pelt with well finished guard hair but lacking underfur.
II:	Early or late pelt with incomplete guard hair and lacking underfur.
III:	Very early or late pelt with poor finish, little or no underfur, dark coloured leather.
IV & V:	Inferior pelt of little or no commercial value.

DEFECTS

Good Slight (GD SLT):	Good quality with small imperfections.
Slight Damaged (SLT DGD):	Good quality with larger imperfections.
Good Damaged (GD DGD):	Good quality with large imperfections.
Regular Damaged (REG DGD):	Average quality with large imperfections.
Badly Damaged (BDLY DGD):	Extensive damage, little or no value.
Tainted:	Area of pelt has rotted, little or no value.

SIZES

XXXL:	Triple Extra Large	- 0
XXL:	Double Extra Large	- 1
XL:	Extra Large	- 2
L:	Large	- 3
LM:	Large Medium	- 4
M:	Medium	- 5
S:	Small	- 6
XS:	Extra Small	- 7

ABBREVIATIONS

GD:	Good
SLT:	Slight
BDLY:	Badly
RBD:	Rubbed
GRSY:	Greasy
S:	Singed
LT:	Light
RR:	Red Rim
BR:	Brown
ORD:	Ordinary
DGD:	Damaged
PT:	Part
STND:	Stained
HVY:	Heavy
SH:	Straight Hair
ASST:	Assorted
DK:	Dark
T/S:	Ticks and Scars

WEIGHTS

	BEAVER	RACCOON	RED FOX	MARTEN
Heavy	prime, very dense underfur, shearable	long nap length, deep underfur	long nap, deep underfur	deep, thick underfur
Semi	dense underfur, suitable for short shear	medium nap length, medium underfur	medium nap length, medium underfur	medium density or underfur
Light or Flat	lacks underfur, not recommended for shearing	coat, short nap	short nap, low underfur	low density, underfur

Colour: "X" preceding a letter indicates "Extra" ie. XD = Extra Dark, XP = Extra pale. Some additional descriptive terminology may be used to denote unusual colouration.

Colour	Beaver		Raccoon	Coyote		Red Fox	Mink/Otter	Lynx/ Cats	Marten	Fisher
	Eastern (A,B,C)	Western (DK BRN to XPale)		A to D Colour of back	1 to 4 Colour of belly				Colour	
A	clear, very dark, natural colour	DK-DKBRN: dark to dark brown	bright, silvery, clear underfur	extra pale	1: clear white belly	deep, dark rich red	clear, very dark	bright white belly	DK: dark	DK: dark
B	dark, slightly brownish	BR: brown	slightly yellow or brownish	pale	2: slight off belly	medium dark red	dark, dark brown	narrower belly, slightly brownish	BRN: brown	BRN: brown
C	brown to red over all	LT BRN: light brown	yellow to brown	yellowish cast	3: off belly	pale red	brown	narrow belly noticeable brown red band	LT BRN: light brown	LT BRN: light brown
D		Pale	dark yellow to brown or orange	tawney	4: very off (brown) belly	very pale to yellow	pale	very narrow or red belly	Pale	Pale
		XPale: extra-pale					extra pale		XPale: extra-pale	XPale: extra-pale

TIP: When drying pelts, use a constant source of heat of 55° to 65°F or 14° to 18°C.