

# FHA Grading Terminology

## GRADES (EXCEPT MUSKRATS)

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

## DEFECTS

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

## SIZES

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

## ABBREVIATIONS

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

## WEIGHTS

	BEAVER	RACCOON	RED FOX	MARTEN
<b>Heavy</b>	prime, very dense underfur, shearable	long nap length, deep underfur	long nap, deep underfur	deep, thick underfur
<b>Semi</b>	dense underfur, suitable for short shear	medium nap length, medium underfur	medium nap length, medium underfur	medium density or underfur
<b>Light or Flat</b>	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.**