## FHA Grading Terminology

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<th>Grades (Except Muskrats)</th>
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<td><strong>SELECT:</strong></td>
<td>Fully prime and complete guard hair coverage. Above average in quality, texture and pelt preparation, no defects.</td>
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<td><strong>I:</strong></td>
<td>Prime pelt with well finished guard hair. Above average quality and texture.</td>
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<td><strong>I-II:</strong></td>
<td>Average underfur and guard hair coverage.</td>
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<td><strong>GOOD II:</strong></td>
<td>Slightly early pelt with poor underfur and incomplete guard hair coverage.</td>
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<td><strong>II:</strong></td>
<td>Early or late pelt with incomplete guard hair and lacking underfur.</td>
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<td><strong>III:</strong></td>
<td>Very early or late pelt with poor finish, little or no underfur, dark coloured leather.</td>
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<td><strong>IV &amp; V:</strong></td>
<td>Inferior pelt of little or no commercial value.</td>
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### Defects

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

### SIZES

- **5X:** Quintuple Extra Large
- **4X:** Quadruple Extra Large
- **3X:** Triple Extra Large
- **2X:** Double Extra Large
- **1X:** Extra Large
- **LG:** Large
- **LM:** Large Medium
- **M:** Medium
- **S:** Small
- **XS:** Extra Small

### Weights

- **Beaver:**
  - Heavy (HVY): Prime, very dense underfur, shearable
  - Semi: Dense underfur, suitable for short shear
  - Light (LT): Lacks underfur, not ideal for shearing
  - Long nap length, deep underfur
  - Medium nap length, medium underfur
  - Short nap

- **Raccoon:**
  - Heavy (HVY): Long nap length, deep underfur
  - Semi: Medium nap length, medium underfur
  - Light (LT): Short nap

- **Red Fox:**
  - Heavy (HVY): Long nap, deep underfur
  - Semi: Medium nap length, medium underfur
  - Light (LT): Short nap, low underfur

- **Marten:**
  - Heavy (HVY): Prime, very dense underfur
  - Semi: Dense underfur
  - Light (LT): Lacks underfur

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