**FHA Grading Terminology**

**WEIGHTS**
- **Heavy**
- **Semi**
- **Light or Flat**

**BEAVER**
- Prime, very dense underfur, shearable
- Dense underfur, suitable for short shear
- Lacks underfur, not recommended for shearing

**RACCOON**
- Long nap length, deep underfur
- Medium nap length, medium underfur
- Coat, short nap

**RED FOX**
- Long nap, deep underfur
- Medium nap length, medium underfur
- Short nap, low underfur

**MARTEN**
- Deep, thick underfur
- Medium density or underfur
- Low density, underfur

**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**
- **XXL**: Double Extra Large
- **XL**: Extra Large
- **L**: Large
- **LM**: Large Medium
- **M**: Medium
- **S**: Small
- **XS**: Extra Small

**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

**COLOUR**
- 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.

**TIP**: When drying pelts, use a constant source of heat of 55º to 65ºF or 14º to 18ºC.