

RACCOON

The sections recognized for Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) reflect the length and density of the fur and the thickness of the leather.

GRADING SECTIONS

Canadian: Ontario, Quebec, Maritimes, Northern Maine. Pelts have very deep underfur, a woollier texture with a medium to long nap. The colour is average and the size is 20.32 cm–22.86 cm (8"–9") wide.

Western Northern (W/NOR): Minnesota, Wisconsin, Dakota, Northern Iowa, Northern Nebraska. Pelts are very heavy furred, with a deep underfur, a medium texture and a longer nap. The colour is average colour and the size is 20.32 cm–22.86 cm (8"–9") wide.

Western North Central (W/NC): North-Central Iowa, Nebraska, North Central Illinois. Pelts have an intermediate to medium underfur with a silky texture and longer nap. The colour is average to good and the size is 17.78 cm–20.32 cm (7"–8") wide.

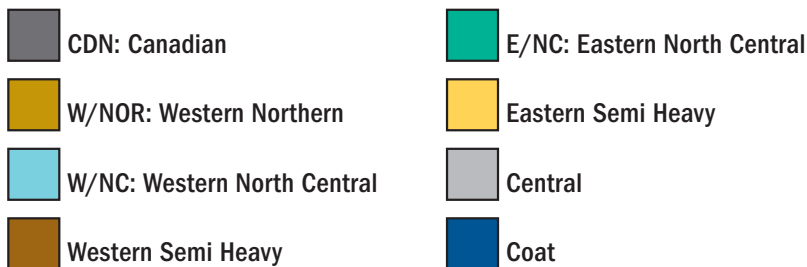
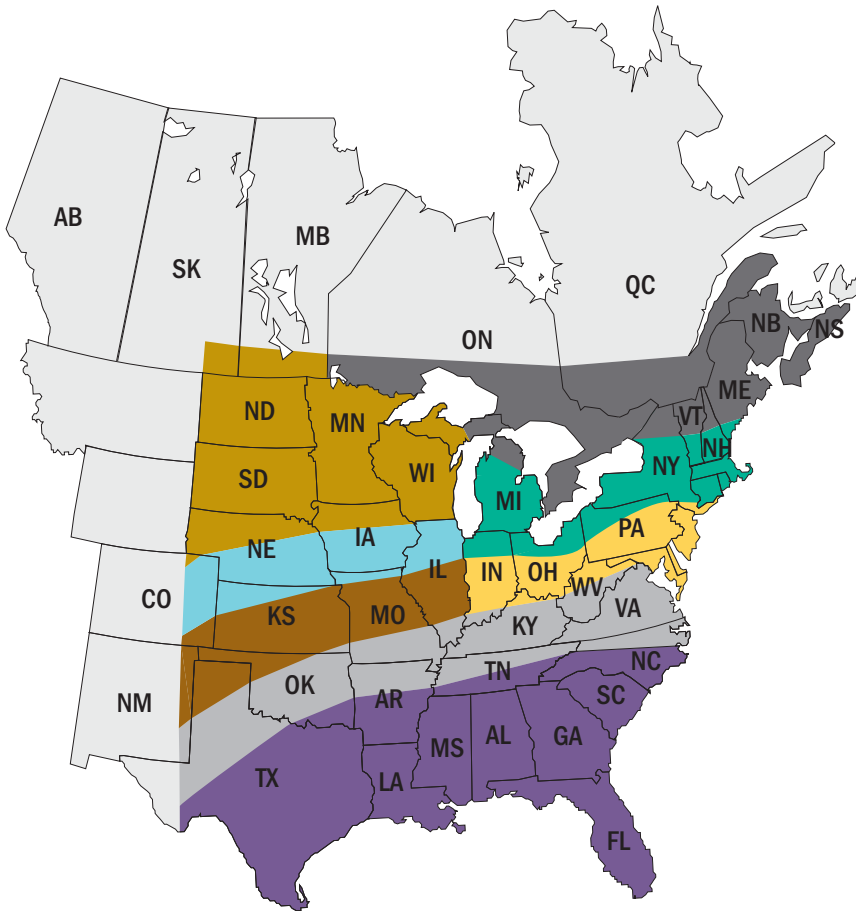
Western Semi Heavy: Central Illinois, Central Missouri, Kansas. Pelts have a medium underfur with a silky texture and a medium nap. The colour is average to good and the size is 16.51 cm–19.05 cm (6.5"–7.5") wide.

Eastern North Central (E/NC): Southern Michigan, Northern Indiana, Northern Ohio, Northern Pennsylvania, New York. Pelts have a medium to heavy underfur with a woollier texture and a medium nap. The colour is average, with a darker fur and the size is 16.51 cm–19.05 cm (6.5"–7.5") wide.

Eastern Semi Heavy: Central Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania. Pelts have a medium underfur and nap with a silky texture. The colour is average, with a darker fur and the size is 16.51 cm–17.78 cm (6.5"–7") wide.

Central: Southern Missouri, Southern Illinois, Kentucky, Oklahoma. Pelts have intermediate semi-heavy, light underfur with a silky texture and a medium to short nap. The colour is average and the size is 16.51 cm–17.78 cm (6.5"–7") wide.

Coat: Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia. Pelts are flat, and have a silky texture with a short nap. The colour is average to good and the size is 13.97 cm–16.61 cm (5.5"–6.5") wide.



SIZE

Raccoon pelts are sized for length on standard boards. The pelt is placed on the board belly-down with the head towards the technician. Length of the pelt is measured from the tip of the snout to the base of the tail.

5XL	Over 97 cm	Over 38"
4XL	89-97 cm	35"-38"
3XL	81-89 cm	32"-35"
2XL	74-81 cm	29"-32"
XL	69-74 cm	27"-29"
LGE	61-69 cm	24"-27"
LM	56-61 cm	22"-24"
MED	51-56 cm	20"-22"
SML	Under 51 cm	Under 20"

CLARITY

CODE	CLARITY	DEFINITION
1	EXTRA CLEAR	Very bright silver guard hair and blue underfur.
2	CLEAR	Bright silver guard hair and bluish underfur.
3	SLIGHT OFF	A slight yellow tone to the guard hair. Underfur is slightly off colour.
4	OFF	A predominant yellow-to-orange cast to the guard hair and underfur.
5	BADLY OFF	A very yellow or orange-to-red cast to the guard hair and underfur.

CATALOGUE SECTION I

CODE	GRADE	DEFINITION
SEL	SELECT	Early Winter/Winter Prime skins. Maximum to good density, with tight underwool. Full coverage of guard hair. Leather is cream coloured and may have up to 3 well-spaced holes or imperfections.
I	FIRST	Slightly under prime skins. Good density, fully covered. Leather is slightly blue and may have up to 3 well-spaced holes or imperfections.
I-II	FIRST AND SECOND	Early skins. Average density. Slightly open coverage with a slightly wooly appearance. Slightly underdeveloped guard hair coverage. Leather is slatey and may be cream coloured or blue and may have up to 3 well-spaced holes or imperfections.
II	SECOND	Very Early Fall or Overprime skins. Open coverage with a wooly appearance. Very dull or wooly guard hair coverage. Leather mostly blue and may have up to 3 well-spaced holes or imperfections.
SDG-GD	SLIGHT DGD (Good)	SEL or I quality skins with 4 to 6 bullet holes or the equivalent in: Rubs, Snare Marks or severe Tick bites.
SDG-AVG	SLIGHT DGD (Average)	I-II quality skins with 4 to 6 bullet holes or the equivalent in: Rubs, Snare Marks or severe Tick bites.



(a) very early (b) early (c) coming on to prime



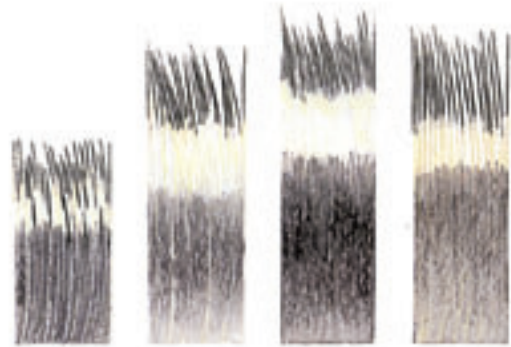
(d) prime (e) late

**LEATHER-OUT PRIMING SEQUENCE OF THE RACCOON
BACK ON THE LEFT, BELLY ON THE RIGHT FOR EACH PAIR**



(a) very early (b) early (c) prime (d) late

**FUR-OUT PRIMING SEQUENCE OF THE RACCOON
TOP: WHOLE PELTS | BOTTOM: CROSS-SECTIONS OF FUR**



CATALOGUE SECTION II

CODE	GRADE	DEFINITION
DGD	DAMAGED	DGD (Gd.): SEL or I quality skins with up to 25% damage. DGD (Av.): I-II quality skins with up to 25% damage. SEL or I quality skins severely damaged. DGD (Pr.): II quality skins with up to 25% damage. I-II quality skins severely damaged.
III	THIRD	Very Early. Underdeveloped fur. Dark blue to black leathered skins.
IV	FOURTH	Limited commercial value.

CATALOGUE SECTION III

CODE GRADE

DEFINITION

DGDDAMAGED

DGD (Gd.):
SEL or I quality skins with up to 25% damage.

DGD (Av.):
I-II quality skins with up to 25% damage,
or SEL or I quality skins severely damaged.

DGD (Pr.):
II quality skins with up to 50% damage,
or I-II quality skins severely damaged.

III THIRD

Very Early.
Underdeveloped fur.
Dark blue to black leather.

IV FOURTH

Limited commercial value.



(a) Clear

(b) Slight Off

(c) Off

(d) Badly Off

(e) Fisher

(f) Cinnamon

COLOUR CATEGORIES OF THE RACCOON
TOP: WHOLE PELTS | BOTTOM: CROSS-SECTIONS OF FUR