

**Sportsmen:** Welcome to a new season. Many factors should make 2008/2009 an exciting year in the fur market. **Groenewold Fur & Wool Co.** is proud to announce our new and expanded buying schedule. Please pay careful attention to the "fur preparation" details listed below. Handling your furs carefully will add value to them.

Good luck and stay safe in the field. Thank you for your business!

Regards,  
The **Groenewold Fur & Wool Co. Team**

#### Selling STRETCHED and DRIED

1. All pelts must be scraped free of excess fat. (**Raccoon, otter** and **beaver** must be scraped perfectly clean.)
2. Stretch on proper wire or wood stretchers (**beaver** should be stretched in an oval pattern).
3. **Raccoon, gray fox, otter, muskrat, mink, opossum,** and **squirrel** are stretched fur-side IN.
4. **Red fox, coyote** and **fisher** are stretched fur-side OUT.

#### Selling GREEN (skinned)

(Tail bone should be removed from all skinned raccoon.)

1. Always dry animals in the carcass completely before skinning.
2. When skinning, cut from back foot to back foot. Then, case out like a rabbit. (Except **beaver**, which is skinned up the belly).
3. Skinned fur must be sold immediately or quick-frozen.
4. Always freeze the fur **FLAT**, fur-side **OUT**, with no exposed flesh.
5. **NEVER** roll furs. **NEVER** freeze or thaw furs in plastic.
6. Thaw larger animals with heavy flesh (**coyote, raccoon, beaver, badger**) 5-6 hours in a cool room or until partially thawed before selling.
7. **NEVER** thaw so long that grease melts or skins become slimy. Keep them cold. Keep them away from sunlight.
8. **Musk rats** should be frozen **FLAT** and **NOT** thawed before seeing the buyer.
9. **ALWAYS** err on the side of selling something too frozen rather than too thawed.

#### Selling in the CARCASS (Carcass fur is discounted.)

(We will **not** buy **opossum** or **skunk** in the carcass.)

(We will buy **muskrat** in the carcass, **except** in the Northern ½ of Wisconsin, the UP of Michigan, and Nebraska.)

1. Clean the dirt, blood and burrs from fur.
2. Always hang carcass by rear feet in a cool, dark area, away from livestock. Livestock generates heat and bacteria.
3. If the weather is warm, freezing may be required. If frozen, thaw **ONLY** the feet. Please do **NOT** completely thaw the **muskrat**.

#### Deer Hide Care

1. Skins may be sold fresh, frozen or salted, with **NO** heads or legs. By law, we can not buy **deer hides** with head or legs.
2. **FRESH** means within a day or two of skinning the deer. Do **NOT** let leather side dry out. Keep folded with skin side in.
3. Salted hides must have large chunks of fat removed and must be heavily salted with **FINE** salt. Shake hides of excess salt **BEFORE** arriving at the truck.
4. Frozen hides should be folded skin side in and rolled tightly. Allow to thaw only slightly before coming to the truck.

#### Fur Shipping Instructions

1. All shipped fur **MUST** be stretched and dried.
2. Be sure to include the following with all packages: Your name, address, phone number, packing list, & your hunting or trapping license number. We will call you with a price. If you are satisfied, we will send you a check **IMMEDIATELY**. If not, we will send your goods back to you at **OUR** expense.

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Note:  
Large quantities of green  
beaver are welcome!