

# 5010-1 Rabbit Skins—Grading Notes

We import from ten tanneries in six countries and offer more than a dozen different grades of skins to meet the various requirements of our customers. Except where indicated in the grade, we grade all skins in the U.S. to make sure that what we offer meets our grade. As far as we know, we are the only company offering this sort of grading anywhere. This page deals with our basic skins. See grading notes on other categories for more information.

The grades below start at the lowest grade and go up to the highest grade. The best sellers by volume are the trading post grade, craft grade, and gift shop grade. If all of this seems overwhelming, just give us a call and we'll help you find the right skins for your needs.

The **Reject Grade** rabbit skins should probably go in the garbage, but someone somewhere always seems to want these. We sort these into white and mixed natural colors. We do not do any other sorting. They often have sawdust balls (not poop) or thorns in the skins, matting, extensive hair slips, extensive tears, or some other problem, such as a stiff back or heavy stains. If you have never bought rabbit skins from us before, please do not order these—you may like the price, but I doubt you will be happy with what you get. If you return them, you pay shipping and insurance both ways. We try not to stock these but get small quantities in each shipment. They are not suitable for selling at trading posts or for making most craft projects.

The **Scrappy Grade** rabbit skins are very low quality skins. They are sorted into white and mixed natural colors. We do not do any other sorting. They are half or partial skins from very small rabbits. They tend to have rips and tears, holes, bald spots, and are not polished on the back. The hair quality is lousy, either flat or semi-matted. They look ratty. They are perfect for crafts where only a small piece of fur is required. Product of Egypt.

The **Poubelle Grade** rabbit skins may be low quality skins. They are sorted into white and mixed natural colors. We do not do any other sorting. They are small skins or torn skins. The hair quality is lousy, either flat or semi-matted. They look ratty. We sell every skin we get and have trouble keeping supplies in stock. They are perfect for trading posts or uses where only a piece of fur is required. If you want something nice, don't buy "junk." Maybe they will work for you, maybe not. If you return these, return the entire lot if you want to buy rabbits from us again. We do not allow any upgrading or picking. We have had very few returns for this item. A few customers will not re-order the cheap skins, but most happily join a wait list. Egypt.

The **Clipper Grade** white or mixed natural color rabbits have acceptable hair quality and are NOT matted, but may have serious cosmetic problems—generally extensive yellowing, bluish tint, other discoloration, or various size bald spots. They are ideal for testing dog hair and human hair clippers.

The **Grade 5** are typically smaller than average, possibly misshapen, and sometimes have cosmetic defects. Most are bunny rabbit brown, bunny rabbit gray, and natural black. They are soft and supple. They are Spanish farmed rabbits tanned in Morocco. If you buy as an unsorted mix, expected about 10% rejects, 30% cut-ups, 30% trading post, and 30% craft grade. They are great value for the money for what they are.

**Cut-Up Grade** skins are lower-quality skins that have good fur, but have major cosmetic defects. For example, these skins can be small, misshapen, have extensive tears, holes or bald spots in the middle of the skin, or have patches of bad hair on them. They are unsuitable for resale as novelty skins, but are ideal for cutting up into smaller pieces for craft projects. We use this grade of skin to make many of our rabbit fur bags and for trim on crafts. These are good value for the money if you need good fur and can work around the problems.

The **Trading Post** skins are generally full skins with areas of weak or thin hair coverage or minor defects. They are suitable for selling to customers who just want a rabbit skin for whatever reason and do not know or care about the quality of the hair. They are also suitable for some craft projects, especially ones requiring small pieces. The white skins are chrome tanned and tend to have a bluish or yellowish cast to them. The sandy white are not what most people think of as one of the "mixed natural colors," and are not pure white. They look like white skins with sawdust sprinkled on them. The trading post grade skins are what is most commonly available in the market. They may work for you, but proceed with caution in the beginning. **We offer these as an unsorted run only.** If this grade is unsuitable for your purposes, all the skins must be returned for credit—not just what you want to grade out. These are Spanish grade 4 skins that we have seen being re-sold as a prime, grade A skins. We are fussier than others about grades.

The **Craft Grade** skins can be misshapen, smaller than normal, or have some other minor defects, such as small tears, lower quality fur, or minor bald spots on the side. They may be missing a quarter panel at times. These are generally okay for re-sale or for use in making crafts; they are just not perfect skins. This grade is one of our most popular. The **Craft Low Grade** may have a small hair slip (bald spot) or hole in the center of the skin.

The **Gift Shop Grade** skins are higher quality than the craft grade skins, but do not have the consistent hair length and quality found on the better grade skins. They have good presentation. These are sold in large quantities in museum gift shops and trading posts, as well as for use in craft projects.

The **Better Grade** skins are full-size skins suitable for sale in galleries, more discriminating gift shops and trading posts, or for craft projects that require very nice hair quality. These skins have a more consistent hair length and few, if any, imperfections.

The **Garment Grade** skins are full-size skins suitable for sale in galleries, more discriminating gift shops and trading posts, or for craft projects that require very nice hair quality. These skins have a more consistent hair length and few, if any, imperfections. They typically have 20% denser hair than the better grade skins and are the best quality that Spain has to offer. The Spanish Garment Grade skins are lighter weight skins ideally suited to the fashion industry. They are not heavy, female skins suited for bulky Eskimo parka trim or mukluk trim. Many of these skins go to the fashion trade in Spain, Italy, France, Germany, South Korea, China, and Taiwan. They are usually made into plates, but we have asked our associate to save small quantities for us for our customers who require very high quality skins for their work but do not want to buy whole plates. The bleached white skins are a brilliant white.

The **Czech Female #1/2 Grade** skins are the best rabbit skins we have seen anywhere in the world. They are typically 1.5 to 3 times the size of a regular rabbit and are hand sorted for quality. The man we buy these from grades each skin one by one. The quality shows. The backs of the skins are white and super soft. The hair is dense. We sell thousands into the Arctic for use on parkas and mitts. These are the best of the best anywhere.

The **Czech Female #3 Grade** skins are ideal for most craft projects that require smaller pieces of fur. There can be some matting, holes, or bald spots. They are perfect for making cat and dog toys.

(*Oryctolagus cuniculus*, ranch).

The country of origin varies with each shipment and is indicated on the website.

# 5010-2 Natural Color & White Rabbit Skins

## NATURAL COLORED AND WHITE RABBIT SKINS: ASSORTED GRADES



Cut-Up Grade: Front



Craft Grade: Front



Gift Shop Grade: Front and Back



Better Grade: Front



Cut-Up Grade: Back



Craft Grade: Front



Better Grade: Front & Back



Garment Grade:  
Bleached White

Code	Description	1-23	24-99	100+
188-00N	Reject Grade Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$ 4.26	\$ 2.89	\$2.16
188-00W	Reject Grade Rabbit:White	\$ 4.26	\$ 2.89	\$2.16
188-08N	Scrappy Grade Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$ 4.26	\$ 2.89	\$2.16
188-08W	Scrappy Grade Rabbit:White	\$ 4.26	\$ 2.89	\$2.16
188-06N	Poubelle Grade Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$ 5.06	\$ 3.62	\$2.63
188-06W	Poubelle Grade Rabbit:White	\$ 5.06	\$ 3.62	\$2.63
188-07N	Grade 5 Rabbit:Natural Colors (unsorted)	\$ 6.51	\$ 4.26	\$3.24
188-07W	Grade 5 Rabbit:White	\$ 6.51	\$ 4.26	\$3.24
188-07BW	Grade 5 Rabbit:Bleached White	\$ 8.41	\$ 5.50	\$4.19
188-05W	Clipper Grade Rabbit:White	\$ 7.14	\$ 5.06	\$3.62
188-02N	Cut-Up Grade Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$ 7.14	\$ 5.06	\$3.62
188-02W	Cut-Up Grade Rabbit:White	\$ 7.14	\$ 5.06	\$3.62
188-TPN	Trading Post Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$ 8.60	\$ 5.71	\$4.26
188-TPW	Trading Post Rabbit:White	\$ 8.60	\$ 5.71	\$4.26
188-01NAT	Craft Grade Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$11.49	\$ 7.95	\$5.71
188-01W	Craft Grade Rabbit:White	\$11.49	\$ 7.95	\$5.71
188-01NATLG	Low Grade Craft Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$10.87	\$ 7.33	\$5.09
188-03NAT	Gift Shop Grade Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$14.36	\$ 9.46	\$7.14
188-03NBK	Gift Shop Grade Rabbit:Natural Black	\$16.63	\$11.73	\$9.41
188-03W	Gift Shop Grade Rabbit:White	\$14.36	\$ 9.46	\$7.14
134-01NAT	Better Grade Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$15.17	\$10.05	\$7.59
134-01W	Better Grade Rabbit:White	\$15.17	\$10.05	\$7.59
134-03NAT	Garment Grade Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03NBB	Garment Grade Rabbit:Natural:Bunny Brown	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03NBG	Garment Grade Rabbit:Natural:Bunny Gray	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03NBH	Garment Grade Rabbit:Natural:Chinchilla	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03NFA	Garment Grade Rabbit:Natural:Fawn	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03NSP1	Garment Grade Rabbit:Nat:Sp Black&White	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03NSP2	Garment Grade Rabbit:Nat:Sp Brown&White	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03NSP3	Garment Grade Rabbit:Nat:Sp Gray&White	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03NPW	Garment Grade Rabbit:Part White	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03W	Garment Grade Rabbit:White	\$21.67	\$15.51	\$11.49
134-03BW	Garment Grade Rabbit:Bleached White	\$24.27	\$22.38	\$20.22
134-CS	Rabbit Swatch Color Chart	\$13.76	\$13.76	\$13.76



For more information on rabbits, such as closeouts and special deals, heavier rabbits available in limited supply, better pictures, grading videos, details on sizes, weights, and grades, uses for rabbit skins, and other topics, please visit our retail website at <http://www.chichesterinc.com/rabbitskins.htm> or feel free to call us at 1.800.206.6544. We will do our best to help you choose the best grade for your needs.

These are skins from domesticated rabbits are a by-product of the food industry. The Spanish and Czech rabbits are ethically killed in European Union slaughterhouses that meet very strict regulations. The animals are not killed just for their hides. Domestic rabbits are not endangered. They were so common in Spain that the country derives its name from them. Spain means the country where rabbits are everywhere. (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*, ranch).

We do not permit customers to high grade shipments and return what they do not like. We grade carefully and offer the skins as a run according to the grade. If you are not happy with the grade, please return all of the skins. If you want to keep just what you like, we will not be upset, but will never offer skins to you again. We have very few returns. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have questions about which grade to buy for a specific project. We will do our best to guide you to the right grade.

Code	Description	1-23	24+
134-03SBD10	Sheared Garment Grade Rabbit:Dyed Black:10 mm	\$21.67	\$18.77
134-03SBD16	Sheared Garment Grade Rabbit:Dyed Black:16 mm	\$21.67	\$18.77



# 5010-3 Czech Female Rabbit Skins

## CZECH HEAVY RABBIT SKINS

The #1/#2 skins are the nicest rabbit skins we have ever seen. Our supplier hand-picks each skin. He sorts tens of thousands of skins and only keeps the best 5% to 20% depending upon the run and time of the year. These are the best of the best. They are soft-tanned, big, and very heavily furred. They are ideal for resale or for craft projects requiring excellent material. The fur is denser and the skin is typically a bit heavier than on regular Spanish fryer rabbits. These are perfect for trim on parkas, mukluks, and gauntlets. They also make exceptionally nice massage mitts and lovely blankets.

Prices have not fallen as volumes to choose from have almost disappeared after the collapse of the Russian economy and invasion of Ukraine. This has become a very difficult grade to find in any quantity.

The #2/3 skins are perfect for craft projects requiring heavier fur, such as trim on parkas, mukluks, gauntlets, fur bags, and cat and dog toys. They are soft and supple with good hair. There are typically minor cosmetic problems such as a hole, tear, or hair slip (bald spot) somewhere on the skin. They are perfect for cutting up.

The #3 skins are good for craft projects requiring smaller pieces, such as cat and dog toys that need heavier fur or trim on other crafts. There is some cosmetic problem such as a hole, bald spot, matted area, or part of the skin is missing. They are good value for the money.

The #4 skins consist of various grades. Each lot will include different combinations of reject, cut-up, and trading post grade skins. Do not buy this grade if you want a specific quality of skin as this is a mix of grades. They come in varying sizes, and in Natural and White. (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*, ranch).

Product of the Czech Republic



**Left:** Jumbo Czech Heavy White (283-1-CZW-AS)  
**Middle:** Regular size Spanish Better Grade Natural (134-01N) - shown on previous page  
**Right:** Jumbo Czech Heavy Natural (283-1-CZNAT)



283-1-CZW



Left: Czech Female White Shorn (283-1-CZWS)

Middle: Czech Female White (283-1-CZW)

Right: Better Grade White (134-01W)



283-4-CZW

Code	Description - #1/#2	1-5	6-23	24+
283-1-CZNAT	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Mixed Natural	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Bunny Bright	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNCHB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Chinchilla Brown	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNCHS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Chinchilla Silver	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNC	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Snowtop Dark	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNCPL	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Snowtop Light	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNNB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Natural Black	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Bunny Brown	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Bunny Gray	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNFA-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Fawn	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNSP1	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Spotted Black & White	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNSP2-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Spotted Brown & White	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNSP3	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Spotted Gray & White	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNSP4	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Spotted Fawn & White	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZNVB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Viennese Blue	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZW-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:White	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZWC	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Creamy White	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZWS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:White:Shorn	\$36.10	\$30.32	\$28.89
283-1-CZWB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#1/2:Bleached White	\$39.71	\$33.94	\$32.50

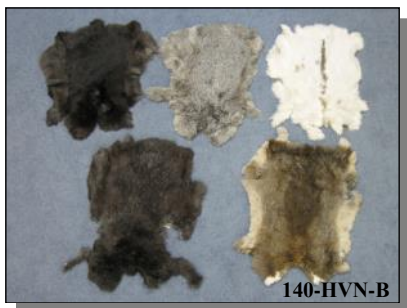
Code	Description - #2/#3	1-5	6-23	24+
283-2-CZN-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:Natural	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67
283-2-CZNCHS-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:Chinchilla Silver	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67
283-2-CZNFA-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:Fawn	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67
283-2-CZNNB-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:Natural Black	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67
283-2-CZNSP1-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:Spotted Black & White	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67
283-2-CZNSP2-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:Spotted Brown & White	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67
283-2-CZNSP3-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:Spotted Gray & White	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67
283-2-CZNSP4-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:Spotted Fawn & White	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67
283-2-CZW-AS	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#2/3:White	\$28.89	\$23.10	\$21.67

Code	Description - #3	1-23	24-99	100+
283-3-CZWB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#3:Bleached White w/ Blue	\$21.67	\$18.06	\$14.45
283-3-CZWB	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#3:Bleached White w/Yellow	\$21.67	\$18.06	\$14.45
283-3-CZN	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#3:Natural	\$21.67	\$18.06	\$14.45
283-3-CZW	Czech Heavy Rabbit:#3:White	\$21.67	\$18.06	\$14.45

Code	Description - #4	1-23	24-99	100+
283-4-CZN	Czech Rabbit:#4:Natural	\$13.00	\$ 8.45	\$ 6.51
283-4-CZW	Czech Rabbit:#4:White	\$13.00	\$ 8.45	\$ 6.51

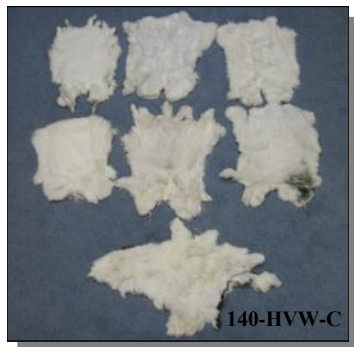
# 5010-4 Heavy & Female Rabbit Skins

## HEAVY LOW-GRADE RABBIT SKINS



Product of  
the Czech  
Republic

Tanned in  
Spain



The heavy low grade skins are large breeder rabbits with heavy fur. We buy these as lower grade skins and then sort accordingly. The **A** grade skins are generally whole skins without major imperfections. The **B** grade skins are more craft quality. The **C** grade skins are yellowed or have extensive problems. We have natural colors in grades A, B, and C. We have white in grade C at this time. (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*, ranch).

Code	Description	1-23	24-99	100+
140-HVN-B	Heavy Low Grade B Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$14.36	\$12.93	\$11.93
140-HVN-C	Heavy Low Grade C Rabbit:Natural Colors	\$12.93	\$11.49	\$10.05
140-HVW-C	Heavy Low Grade C Rabbit:White	\$12.93	\$11.49	\$10.05
140-HVNCH-A	Heavy Low Grade A Rabbit:Chinchilla	\$17.26	\$15.82	\$14.36
140-HVNCH-B	Heavy Low Grade B Rabbit:Chinchilla	\$14.36	\$12.93	\$10.43

## SPANISH BREEDER RABBITS



The Spanish like to eat young, succulent rabbits. Consequently, many of the rabbits from Spain are smaller than the ones from central and eastern Europe. The Breeder rabbits, however, are about 50% to 100% bigger than regular rabbits from Spain and the hair tends to be heavier than that of the typical Spanish rabbit, but not as heavy as on rabbits from Hungary or the Czech Republic. The breeder rabbits are good value for the money and are nicely tanned. The **#1/#2** rabbits are good quality skins with few, if any, imperfections. The **#3** skins have minor problems (holes, rips, tears, or bald spots) and are ideal for craft projects. (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*, ranch).

Product of Spain, Tanned in Spain

Code	Description	1-23	24-99	100+
283-11N-AS	Breeder:#1/2:Natural	\$18.06	\$14.36	\$12.93
283-31N	Breeder:#3:Natural	\$12.93	\$11.49	\$10.05

## HUNGARIAN HEAVY RABBIT SKINS

These Hungarian heavy rabbit skins are not all #1 quality, but they are not junky either. They may or may not have holes, tears, irregularities, etc. Soft and nicely tanned. Heavy fur. Big size. (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*, ranch).

Product of Hungary

Code	Description	1-23	24+
283-1-HUNBBL	Hungarian Heavy Rabbit Skin:Bunny Brown:Large	\$32.47	\$28.89
283-1-HUNBBJ-AS	Hungarian Heavy Rabbit Skin:Bunny Brown:Jumbo	\$37.70	\$35.82



# 5010-5 Rex Rabbit & Hare Skins

## NATURAL COLOR REX RABBIT SKINS

Rex rabbits are the “King” of the rabbit selection. The First Grade skins have the softest, silkiest, densest fur of our rabbit skins line. These top-of-the-line rabbit skins are soft-tanned, big, and very heavily furred. The feel of these luxurious pelts are these closest you can get to a sheared beaver skin, but at a fraction of the cost!

These rex rabbit skins average 12" to 16" long and 11" to 14" wide. The hair is about 0.75" long.

Our Grade AA skins are the biggest and the silkiest, while the rest is graded by size. Comparing grades from AA to C, the AA skins are the best in terms of size and softness. As you go down the scale, the skins get smaller.

The approximate sizes are follows:

Size AA: 186 sq. inches (1,200 sq. cm.) per skin

Size A: 155 sq. inches (1,000 sq. cm.) per skin

Size B: 139 sq. inches (900 sq. cm.) per skin

Size C: 124 sq. inches (800 sq. cm.) per skin

(*Oryctolagus cuniculus, ranch*).

Product of China

142-15xx



142-11xx



Code	Description	1-11	12+
142-11AA	Rex Rabbit:#1:White:Grade AA	\$47.64	\$38.25
142-11A	Rex Rabbit:#1:White:Grade A	\$34.64	\$27.05
142-11B	Rex Rabbit:#1:White:Grade B	\$27.44	\$21.96
142-11C	Rex Rabbit:#1:White:Grade C	\$21.66	\$16.85
142-15AA	Rex Rabbit:#1:Black:Grade AA	\$50.53	\$41.14
142-15A	Rex Rabbit:#1:Black:Grade A	\$37.53	\$31.38
142-15B	Rex Rabbit:#1:Black:Grade B	\$31.75	\$25.14
142-15C	Rex Rabbit:#1:Black:Grade C	\$23.09	\$20.95

142-10



We get a limited number of #1 Castor Rex Rabbits from small tanneries. The castor color rabbits are similar to beaver in color, hence the name “castor.” (*Oryctolagus cuniculus, ranch*).

Product of Canada, Tanned in Hungary

142-10CZ



We get a limited number of #1 Castor Czech Rex Rabbits. The castor color rabbits are similar to beaver in color, hence the name “castor.” (*Oryctolagus cuniculus, ranch*).

Product of Czech Republic

Code	Description	Price
142-10	Rex Rabbit:#1:Castor	\$64.97

Code	Description	1-5	6-23	24+
142-10CZ	Czech Rex Rabbit:#1:Castor	\$35.43	\$29.76	\$28.35

## SNOWSHOE HARE SKINS



We get a limited number of tanned snowshoe hare skins each year. These are very nicely tanned in China. Snowshoe hare are different from domesticated rabbit: the skin is thinner and the hair is wilder with longer guard hairs. These hare are in the winter phase and tend to be whitish. A U.S. Fish & Wildlife permit is required for export.

Product of Siberia in Russia, Tanned in China

The uncased Arctic hare skins may have small nicks, holes, tears, or cuts on the hide side that typically cannot be seen from the hair side. These imperfections can be sewn up—we just don't have time for this. They are good for craft projects. (*Lepus timidus, wild; Lepus americanus, wild*).

Code	Description	1-11	12+
585-SNOW1	Arctic Snowshoe Hare Skin	\$31.75	\$28.89