

NEW ZEALAND INDUSTRY AGREED

Elk & Wapiti Velvet Grading Guidelines

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Minimum Weight 4 kg
Minimum Circumference 20cm as outlined in Note A
Must have Indentation but not be overgrown (note 1)

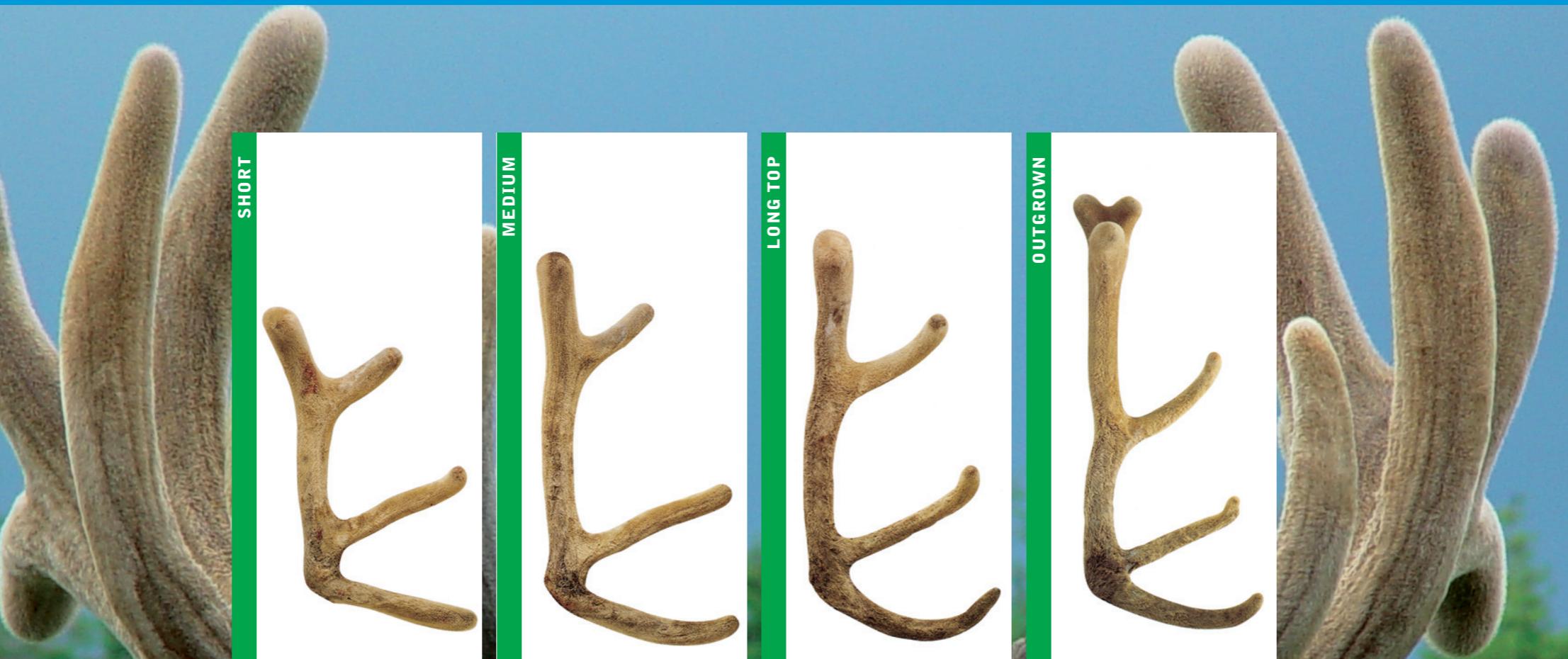
HYGIENE

Remember - velvet is a health food and should be handled and stored in a clean and hygienic manner.

ANIMAL WELFARE

Velvet removal is a Controlled Surgical Procedure and may only be performed by a Vet, or an approved person under the National Velveting Standards Body programme. Phone 04 473 4500 for more information.

Illegal velvet removal is an offence under the Animal Welfare Act 1999.



Grade	SHORT		MEDIUM		LONG TOP		OUTGROWN (note 5)		DAMAGED								
	Minimum Weight	Circumference Minimum	Top Length Maximum	Overall Length Maximum	Top Length	Overall Length Minimum	Top Length	Minimum Weight	Top Length	Grade	Repairable skin damage	Broken bottom tynes	Non repairable skin damage	Broken beam or trez			
EW1	3 kg (note 2)	19 cm	EW1S	21 cm (note 3)	65 cm	EW1M	21 cm (note 3)	65 cm	EW1LT	21 - 31 cm (note 3)	3.5 kg (note 2)	> 31 cm (note 3)	EW1	EW Dam 1	EW Dam 1	EW Dam 2	EW Dam 3
EW2	2.5 kg (note 2)	18 cm	EW2S	21 cm	60 cm	EW2M	21 cm	60 cm	EW2LT	21 - 31 cm	3 kg (note 2)	> 31 cm	EW2	EW Dam 1	EW Dam 1	EW Dam 2	EW Dam 3
EW3	2 kg (note 2)	16 cm	EW3S	19 cm	55 cm	EW3M	19 cm	55 cm	EW3LT	19 - 29 cm	2.5 kg (note 2)	> 29 cm	EW3	EW Dam 1	EW Dam 1	EW Dam 2	EW Dam 3

Notes

EW velvet may be downgraded for poor conformation including excessive overall length regardless of time of cutting.

(1) Indentation of Elk & Wapiti Supreme antlers must not be excessive so as to retain the overall quality and balance throughout the whole antler.

(2) Recommended Minimum Weight only.

(3) Top Length for EW1 increases in proportion with circumference. Examples:

Circumference of 19 cm = Top Length of 21 cm. Circumference of 19.5 cm = Top Length of 21.5 cm.

(4) Slight indenting in EW Short, Medium and Long Top may not necessarily be downgraded, but must be in balance and not overgrown.

(5) Elk/Wapiti Outgrown contains EW grade velvet which exceeds desired indentation or maximum top lengths. This grade may be divided when offered for sale to account for different styles of EWOG velvet within the grade.

Other damaged velvet downgraded at grader discretion.

Notes on measurements

A Circumference

Circumference is taken as the lesser measurement of the circumference of the beam measured on the clear beam:

- immediately above the trez tyne, or
- midway point between the top of the bez tyne and the top of the trez tyne.

'Clear' means that the measurement is not to be taken where webbing from a tyne or other growth on the antler would interfere with the measurement.

The objective is to get a measurement representative of the average circumference of the beam.

B Top Length

Top length is measured between the top of the stick and the bottom of the fork where the trez meets the beam.

C Overall Length

Overall length is measured from the top of the stick to the top of the inside cut.

