



Printing information and terms of use for posters of grade determination tables

Printing information

- Poster size: 61 x 91 cm (24 x 36 in)
- Maintain aspect ratio when scaling
- Heavy stock is recommended
- Consider lamination
- Source: [Official Grain Grading Guide](#) on grainscanada.gc.ca

Terms of use for posters of grade determination tables

- A new grade determination table should be printed at the beginning of the crop year
- The previous crop year's table should be discarded
- A grade determination table published on the Canadian Grain Commission website is the authoritative version
- The Canadian Grain Commission may make changes to a grade determination table during a crop year and the printed version may not reflect current information
- Any change to a grade determination table will be communicated through a [Canadian Grain Commission trade memorandum](#)
- Users of printed grade determination tables should check the Canadian Grain Commission website on a regular basis to ensure they are working with a current version of the table
- If a change has been made to a grade determination table during the crop year, a new table should be printed and the previous version discarded

Primary and export grade determination tables

Oats, Canada Western (CW)

Grading factor	No. 1 CW	No. 2 CW	No. 3 CW	No. 4 CW	Grade, if No. 4 specs not met
Standard of quality					
Degree of soundness	Good colour, 98% sound groats	Good colour, 96% sound groats	Fair colour, 94% sound groats	Poor colour, 92% sound groats	Oats, Sample CW Account Damage and Foreign Material
Minimum test weight kg/hL (g/0.5 L)	56 (260)	53 (245)	51 (235)	48 (220)	Oats, Sample CW Account Light Weight
Variety	Any variety of oats registered under the Seeds Act	Any variety of oats registered under the Seeds Act	Any variety of oats registered under the Seeds Act	Any variety of oats	
Hulled and hulless %*	6	8	20	No limit—If sample contains 75% or more of hulless oats, grade as hulless oats	
Foreign material					
Fireburnt %	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	Oats, Sample CW Account Fireburnt
Frost %	0.1	4.0	6.0	No limit. Not included in total damage assessment	
Fusarium %	0.1	2.0	4.0	6.0	Oats, Sample CW Account Fusarium Damaged
Heated / rotted %	0.0	0.1	0.5	1.0	Oats, Sample CW Account Heated
Total % Damage	2	4	6	8 excluding frost	Oats, Sample CW Account Damage
Grading factors					
Barley %	0.8	1.5	3.0	8.0	See Mixed grain
Cereal grains other than wheat or barley %	1	2	3	8	See Mixed grain
Wheat %	0.8	1.5	3.0	8.0	See Mixed grain
Wild oats %	1	2	3	8	50% or less - see mixed grain Over 50% - Mixed Feed Oats
Total % Other cereal grains and wild oats	2	4	6	8	See Mixed grain
Large seeds %	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.0	Oats, Sample CW Account Admixture
Sclerotinia %	0.00	0.05	0.05	0.10	Oats, Sample CW Account Admixture
Stones %	0.02	0.07	0.15	0.15	2.5% or less – Oats, Rejected (grade) Account Stones Over 2.5% – Oats, Sample Salvage
Total % Mineral matter including stones	0.03	0.07	0.25	0.25	2.5% or less – Oats, Rejected (grade) Account Stones Over 2.5% – Oats, Sample Salvage
Ergot %	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.05	Oats, Sample CW Account Ergot
Excreta %	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	Oats, Sample CW Account Excreta
Total % Damage and foreign material	2	4	6	8 excluding frost	Oats, Sample CW Account Damage and Foreign Material

Note: Samples of Oats, CW will be graded no lower than No. 4 CW account colour.

*Hulled and hulless does not apply to hulless oats. See Hulled and hulless definition. Hulless forms part of the grade name, ‘Oats, 1 CW, Hulless’. Adhered hulls are not a grading factor in hulless oats.