HOT IRON DEHORNING

General:

- Tube dehorning is best done in calves less than 2 months of age with horns less than $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.
- A tube dehorner is used to cut out the horn button and the surrounding skin from the head.
- When the tube is used, the diameter of the tube should be $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ inch more than the diameter of the horn base.

Procedure:

- Place the appropriate sized tube over the horn bud and push down to the surrounding skin.
- Cut the skin by pushing down the tube and twisting.
- After the skin is cut through, remove the horn bud by leaning the tube over to the side and quickly pushing under the horn bud to remove it.

*Figure 3. Using a tube dehorner*