

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.

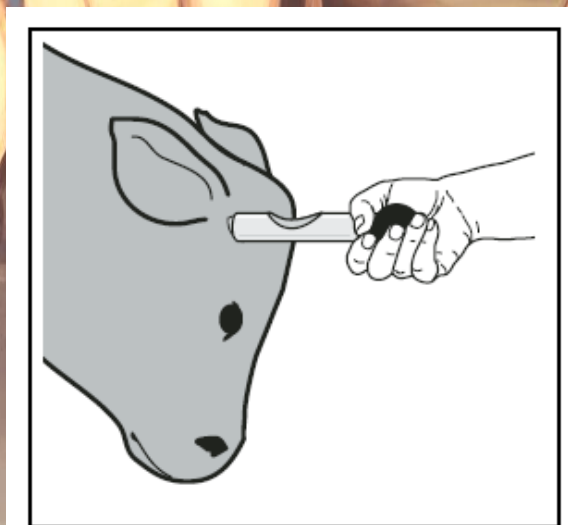


Figure 3. Using a tube dehorner