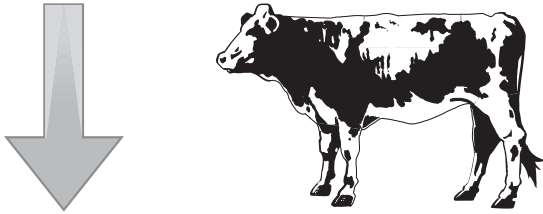
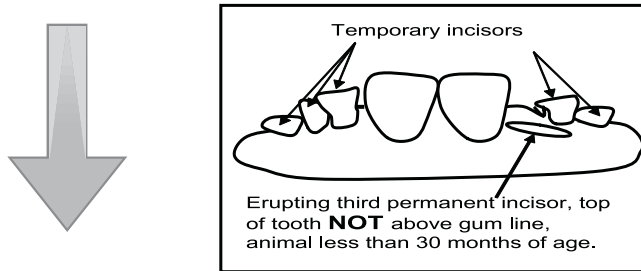


An Example of an ACCEPTABLE System for Handling SRM's in a Custom Situation

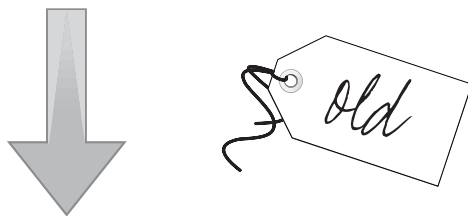
The animal is brought into the plant for slaughter



Slaughter personnel perform dentition on the animal to determine its age.



If they determine it is an animal 30 months of age or older, they write "OLD" on the carcass tag and the cutting instructions for that animal. The spinal cord and head (SRM's) are removed during the slaughter process.



When the animal is processed, the meat cutter knows it is an old animal because it has an age written on the tag and the cutting instructions indicate the animal is old. The vertebral column from the carcass is removed and the carcass is processed into boneless cuts only. Cutting instructions are kept as a record that the older animal was handled properly.

