Additional Information & Diagrams Regarding the Removal of Tonsils in Cattle





These pictures identify the first step in the removal process. Typical head dressing procedures result in tongues, similar to these, being presented with associated tissues including lymph nodes, fatty tissues, salivary glands, and tonsils (i.e. palatine and lingual tonsils). Since these tonsils are SRM, they are to be removed.

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Photo demonstrating the location of the palatine fossa (crypts) which contain the palatine tonsils.

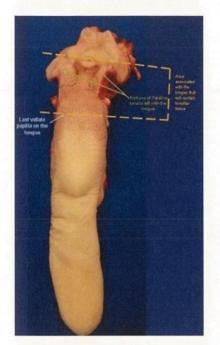
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Photo identifying the vallate papillae.

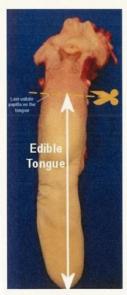
Isolation of the edible portion of the tongue from the lingual tonsil will be accomplished by making a transverse cut just behind the last (most rear) vallate papilla.

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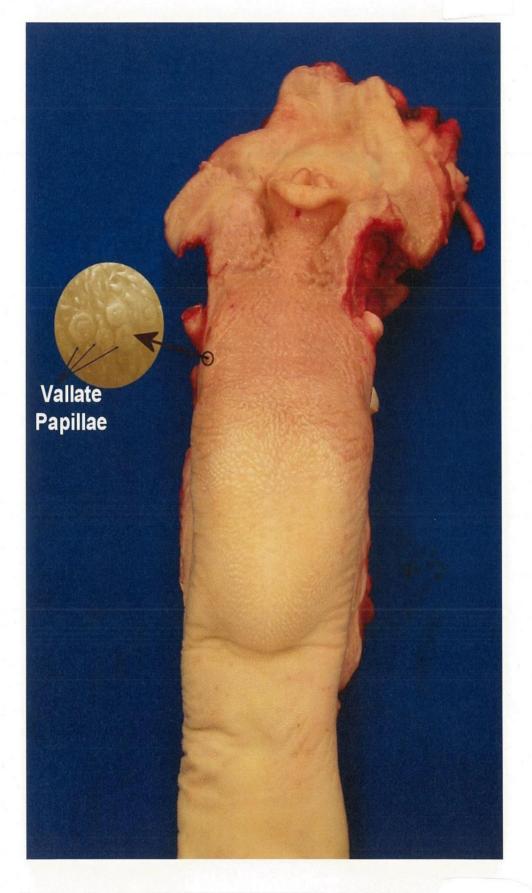
This photo further identifies the specific portion of the tongue containing both sets tonsils (i.e. lingual and palatine) which a SRM.



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Removal of the edible portion of the tong is accomplished by making a transverse (yellow line) just behind the last vallate papilla.

https://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/TSC/removal_of_tonsils.htm



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