

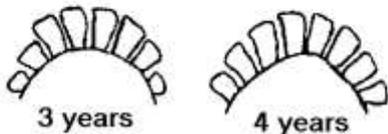
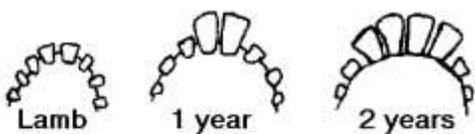
Sheep Dentition

Only sheep that are younger than 12 months of age are eligible for importation into the United States from Canada and are eligible for slaughter. The importation and slaughter of sheep 12 months of age or older is prohibited.

The following guides can be used to determine the age of sheep. More information is available from the Technical Service Center.



| Mouth and Teeth | |
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| Lamb | 4 pair of temporary incisors |
| 1 year | middle pair of permanent incisors erupt |
| 2 years | 2nd pair of permanent incisors |
| 3 years | 3rd pair of permanent incisors |
| 4 years | 4th pair of permanent incisors |
| 5 years | all permanent incisors close together |
| 6 years | incisors begin spreading apart |
| 7-8 years | some incisors broken |
| 10-12 years | all incisors missing |



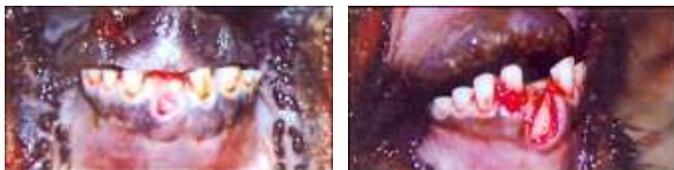
| Sheep Teeth |
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| 20 Temporary teeth |
| 32 Permanent teeth at maturity |
| 4 pairs of Incisor teeth on lower jaw |
| Upper incisors missing |
| Cartilaginous (hard) dental pad on upper jaw |
| Split upper lip with mobile lips |

Temporary Incisors



No permanent incisors are visible = Under 12 months ELIGIBLE FOR SLAUGHTER

One Permanent Incisor Erupted



One permanent incisor has erupted = 1 Year
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2 Permanent Incisors Erupted



Two permanent incisors have erupted = 2 Years
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SLAUGHTER

All Permanent Incisors Erupted



All permanent incisors have erupted = at least 5 Years
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Aged Incisors



Age is apparent.

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Broken Mouth, Incisors Missing



Age is apparent.

NOT ELIGIBLE FOR SLAUGHTER