



Photograph 3:

Yellow arrow – ileum (Uncoiled and trimmed ileum)

Photograph 3 shows the uncoiling and trimming of the distal ileum proximal to the ileocecal junction (The FSIS program employee's right hand is at the junction of the ileum as it attaches to the cecum). To meet the requirements of removing the distal ileum, establishments' must remove 80 inches of uncoiled and trimmed small intestine starting at the ceco-colic junction (junction where the large intestine meets the cecum) and moving proximally towards the jejunum (middle section of the small intestine). Establishments' may use a different procedure, if the establishment is able to demonstrate complete removal of the distal ileum.