

Cannabis sativa

Common name:

Cannabis, Indian hemp, Marijuana,

Palatability to Livestock:

Some reports are that it is highly palatable, others say it is unpalatable and rarely eaten.

Toxicity to Goats:

Low risk.

Toxicity to Other Species:

Potentially toxic to all grazing animal.

Poisonous Principle:

Tetrahydrocannabinols, (THC).

Choline,

Effects:

Signs and Symptoms;

. Nervous excitement, and difficulty in breathing, incoordination.

Health and Production Problems;

. Possible rapid death.
. Leaves and flowers may cause dermatitis.

Treatment;

Be aware of potential stock problems.

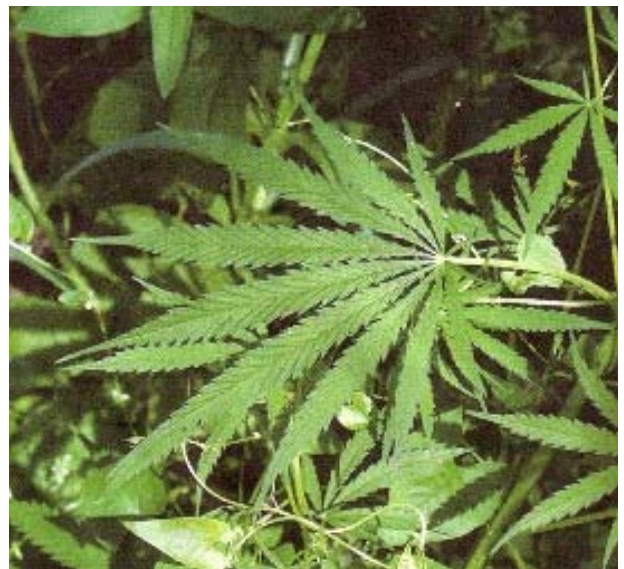
Integrated Control Strategy:

. A prohibited weed in most States.
. Control must be done under police supervision.
. Goats will eat this weed, and herbicides will also destroy the plants.

Comments:

. A summer growing, erect, annual forb, growing to about 1.5metres high.
. The leaves have 5-9 leaflets, are fan-shaped, with sharply toothed margins and prominent veins. They are dark green, and somewhat hairy on the surface, paler and more hairy below.

. Male and female flowers form on separate plants. Female flowers are inconspicuous.
. Male flowers are prominent, and shed pollen profusely.
. The plant has a strong smell.
. Reproduction is only by seed.
. There are many varieties grown overseas, for food, fibre (hemp), and medicines. .Some plantations in Australia are grown under license.
. Some spp are valuable for the fibres, in the production of twine and cloth.
. Also as a source of oil for use in soap and paint.



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