**Allium spp**

**Common name:**
Three corner garlic, Angled onion,

**Palatability to livestock:**
Occasionally eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Potentially toxic.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Potentially toxic to all grazing animals, dogs and compost builders.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Unknown, maybe an alkaloid.

**Effects:**

*Signs and symptoms;*
. General weakness.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Death in severe cases.
. The onion-like odour can taint meat, milk, and milk products.

*Treatment;*
N/a

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Annual cultivation, combined with herbicides.
. Spot-spray before flowering.
. Dig out and collect bulbs and bulbils into a disposable bag.
. Best results are achieved by removing plants with bulbs attached when the previous year’s bulbs have formed, usually just before flowering.
. Herbicides will not kill the bulbs.
. A “Declared” weed in some states.

**Comments:**
. A perennial plant, reproducing by seed, bulbs and bulbils.
. Garlic-like herb, with flat leaves and small white underground bulbs; the leaves all come from the base of the plant.
. Long strappy leaves may be round and hollow, or flat and grassy.
. Clusters of small, white, drooping, star-shaped flowers on a single, triangular cross-sectioned stalk, usually appear in late spring.
. The white petals have a green central stripe.
. Pink, white or mauve flowers may appear on different species, flowering is from spring to summer.
. A winter growing weed in orchards, dairy pastures and gardens of coastal Australia.
. The plant dies back over summer, and germinates in autumn.
. Do not place any onion like refuse in the compost bin – worms do not like them either.
. Everist: Allium family.

Note: Cattle, dogs and horses have been poisoned by onions, either rotting, fresh or frosted. Can provoke severe anaemia and death. Sheep are less susceptible.

Further Reading.

Picture: *Allium spp* Helen Simmonds. Calga. NSW.