**Anthemis cotula**

**Common name:**  
Stinking mayweed, Corn chamomile

**Palatability to Livestock:**  
Low.

**Toxicity to Goats:**  
Low risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**  
Potentially toxic to all animals.

**Poisonous Principle:**  
Unknown.

**Effects:**  
*Signs and symptoms;*  
. Intense irritation to and swelling of, the lips, tongue, mouth and throat.

*Health and Production Problems;*  
. Contains acrid substances, irritating to the mucous membranes.  
. Recovery in most cases.

**Treatment;**  
. Be aware of potential stock problems.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**  
. Try herbicides, (Group C and F), or Bromoxyl®  
. Cultivate, and sow to a competitive pasture.

**Comments:**  
. A smelly, erect, annual forb, growing up to 40 cms high, leaves are fern-like.  
. Flowers have a yellow conical centre, surrounded by white ray-like florets, appearing in summer and autumn.  
. Spread is by seed.  
. A second variety is semi-erect, and almost scentless.  
. All parts of these plants may be toxic.

. This weed is widespread throughout most of the eastern states.  
. A weed of cultivation, roadsides and wasteland.  
. Any part of the plant can taint animal products.  
. It is suspected of poisoning poultry.  
. Gives off a foetid odour when crushed, and is distasteful to stock.

Further Reading;  
. Lamp and Collett.  
. McBarron. Medical and Veterinary Aspects of Plant Poisons in NSW. 1976  

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