**Bryophyllum spp**

**Common name:**
Mother of millions, Christmas bells,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Only eaten under feeding stress.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Cattle, and other grazing stock.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Nitrates?
Cardiac glycosides, bufadienolide type, similar to cane toad excretion.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
- Scouring, depression, lack of appetite,
- Irregular heart beat, diarrhoea,
- Difficulty in breathing.
- PM shows internal haemorrhage and heart muscle degeneration.

**Health and Production Problems:**
- Cases of poisoning seem to occur mainly when feed is very dry, and no other green feed is available. (May to October).
- Some animals recover after a few days, others die.

**Treatment:**
- Try activated charcoal, and glucose and salt, See Vet.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
- Thoroughly wet with 2,4-D herbicide.
- Try Amicide® with a wetter.
- Pull out into disposable bags, or burn off.
- Spray with neat diesel distillate.

**Comments:**
*Garden plant and escapee, 200 + spp.*

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Further Reading:
- Dowling and McKenzie. Poisonous Plants. 1993
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