**Daphne spp**

**Common name:**
Daphne

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Garden plant, do not feed to stock.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
High risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Toxic to all livestock species.
Toxic to humans and pets.

**Poisonous Principle:**
. Coumarin in the leaves and berries.
. Daphnetin, a coumarin derivative.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Vomiting,
. Diarrhoea,
. Internal bleeding, lack of blood clotting,
. Extreme weakness and depression,
. Burning of the mouth and throat.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Rapid death.

*Treatment;*
. Try emetics, salt and water, or demulcents such as milk, or egg white and water.
. Activated charcoal.
. Be aware of potential problems.
. Deter children from eating fruits.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Prune out carefully into disposable bags.
. Do not feed this plant to any livestock.

**Comments:**
. All parts of the plant are toxic, especially the berries and bark.

. Use gloves as this plant can cause a rash on the skin; sap is an irritant.
. Historically used in the treatment of venereal and scrofulous diseases.
. Evergreen shrubs, with narrow leaves.
. Flowers are sweetly scented, tubular, white to pink to reddish, in clusters.
. Succulent fruits, containing one large seed.

**Picture:** *Daphne flower*

Further Reading:

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