**Euphorbia spp**

**Common name:**
Spurge, Milkweed, Poinsettia, Caustic bush,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Not known to be eaten.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Potentially toxic to all animal species.

**Poisonous Principle:**
- Diterpines, Cyanogenetic glycocides,
- Euphorbone,
- Unknown compounds.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
- Latex causes dermatitis, caustic to the skin and eyes, causing temporary blindness.
- Fruits are purgative and toxic.
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, delirium.

*Health and Production Problems;*
- Toxins may be found in the milk of goats who have eaten this weed.
- Sometimes causes sudden death, with no other signs.

*Treatment;*
- Induce vomiting, in non-ruminants, then try activated charcoal.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
- Herbicides, Group C. Do not feed to any livestock.
- Be aware of potential stock problems.
- Proclaimed “Noxious” in some states.

**Comments:**
- Cases of poisoning attributable to this spp are rare.

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