**Kalmia augustifolia**

**Common name:**
Sheep laurel, Lambkill,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Moderate.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
High.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
All livestock.

**Poisonous Principle:**
. Glycosides,
. Unknown others.

**Effects:**
*Signs and Symptoms:*
. Nausea, vomiting,
. Watery eyes and nose,
. Difficult respiration,
. Convulsions, low blood pressure, paralysis.

*Health and Production Problems:*
. The animal may recover, or die.

*Treatment:*
. See Vet or Doctor.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Prevent all animals gaining access to this plant.
. Herbicides, cultivate, and dispose.

**Comments:**
. Garden escapee,
. An erect, evergreen, low growing, open crowned, sprawling shrub.
. Leaves are dull green, opposite or in threes, oval, pointed and leathery; blue green above and paler below.
. Flowers, purple to pink, cup-shaped, in little clusters on the axils of the previous years growth, spring to summer flowering.

. Fruit is a 5-sectioned woody capsule with wings, containing many seeds.
. All parts, especially the leaves, flowers and pollen are very toxic.
. Even the honey is toxic to humans.
. Similar spp, *K. latifolia*, mountain laurel or calico bush, is also very toxic.
. Native to N America, where it was used, historically, (locally) to commit suicide.

Reference: