**Prosopis spp**

**Common name:**
Mesquite,

**Palatability:**
High at all stages.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Potentially toxic to sheep and cattle.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Unknown.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Severe chronic indigestion, with progressive weight loss.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Can lead to death, after many months of sickness.

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

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Good fodder for goats.
. Grub out, chain at right angles.
. Try herbicides.
. Biological control agents are being used.
. A declared “Noxious” weed in all mainland states.

**Comments:**
. A straggly, woody, deciduous or evergreen, thorny, perennial shrub, with one or more trunks.
. Leaves are variable, hairy, feathery, and bipinnate, often confused with mimosa.
. A pair of spines are usually found above each leaf stalk.
. Flowers are tiny, greenish-yellow, on long spikes, from late spring to early autumn.

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