**Salvia reflexa**

**Common name:**
Mintweed.

**Palatability to Livestock:**
Moderate.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk.

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

**Poisonous Principle:**
Nitrates.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Respiratory distress, rapid breathing,
. Associated darkening of the gums,
. Twitching.

*Health and Production Problems;*

*Treatment;*
Feed with hay before giving access to weed infested paddocks.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Cultivation, summer cropping,
. Spray graze, using herbicide Group I.
. Declared “Noxious” in Queensland.

**Comments:**
. An erect annual herb, 15 – 60 cms high.
. Stems are square, grey-green in colour.
. Leaves are opposite with toothed edges, and blue green and soft, with fine hairs, blunt at the tip, in pairs, on a short stalk, a minty smell if crushed.
. Flowers are in opposite pairs, or clusters along spikes at the end of branches; pale blue, lower lip longer than top lip.
. Native to sub-tropical N America, found in NW of NSW and S Queensland.

. Germination is in spring, flowering summer to autumn.
. Cannot survive in dense, grassy pasture.
. The smell of the plant discourages stock from eating it, therefore only eaten if other feed is not available.
. A serious weed of cultivation.
. Affects hungry, inexperienced stock given access to lush stands of the plant when other feed is not available.
. Feed stock hay before letting them onto mintweed when it is wilted, or in overcast weather.

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Further Reading:
. AGDEX 647.
. Lanting and Bunn. Noxious Plants in the 1991’s
. Parsons and Cuthbertson.