**Senecio vulgaris**

**Common name:**
Common groundsel,

**Palatability to Livestock:**
High at all stages.

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Moderate risk.

**Toxicity to Other Species:**
Toxic to horses, pigs, cattle and sheep.

**Poisonous Principle:**
Pyrrolizidine alkaloids.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Chronic weight loss,
. Acute jaundice,
. Photosensitization, especially white animals.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Eating an excess of this plant may lead to chronic liver damage.
. Reduced long term productivity.
. Damaged livers in some ruminants may accumulate excess copper, which can kill the animal.

**Treatment;**
. None.

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Spot spray.
. Weed out into disposable bags.

**Comments:**
. A low growing annual herb growing up to thirty cms high, with green to purple stems.
. Leaves are narrow and oblong, deeply and unevenly lobed.

. Cylindrical flowerheads are in small yellow bunches, from winter to spring.
. Clusters of seeds have downy tufts at one end.
. Native of Europe,
. Found in all states of Australia.

Further Reading:
. CSIRO

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