**Urochloa panicoides**

**Common name:**
Liverseed grass, Urochloa,

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

**Toxicity to Goats:**
Low risk.

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

**Poisonous Principle:**
Nitrates.

**Effects:**
*Signs and symptoms;*
. Respiratory distress,
. Staggering and twitching,
. Darkening of gums.

*Health and Production Problems;*
. Not likely to be hazardous under normal conditions, but if large amounts of nitrate are accumulated it could be toxic, especially to animals under stress.

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

**Integrated Control Strategy:**
. Be aware of potential stock problems.

**Comments:**
. A tufted annual grass, up to a metre tall.
. Stems may be prostrate or erect, up to 30cms long.
. Leaves are hairy on both sides, broad, flat, and tapered to a fine tip.
. Seed heads are up to ten cms long, with several narrow racemes from a common stalk.
. Seeds are oval, plump and pale straw coloured, with a few long white hairs.
. Native to India.

. Introduced as a fodder grass, naturalized in Queensland and NSW.
. A weed of fallow land, roadsides, stockyards and waste places.
. May be a weed of lucerne and summer grain crops.
. Germinates after spring or summer rain.
. Palatable and nutritious when green, less palatable when dried off or frosted.
. Stock may be affected when the grass is wilted, or if the weather is overcast, or around stock yards where there is a high nitrogen content in the soil.
. Do not persist with heavy continuous grazing.

**Further Reading:**
. Henry, Hall, Jordan, Milson, Schefe and Silcock. Pasture Plants of Southern Inland Qld. 1995

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