

Poisonous plant



Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*)

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Johnson grass is generally considered to be a useful food source for grazing animals. BUT, it can be very toxic during periods of vigorous growth. Cattle that have had little previous contact with the plant are most at risk!



Losses occur when the animals are hungry or under stress from mustering etc. Cases have been recorded where up to 50% of a mob has died after feeding on quantities of moist, fresh Johnson grass.

Symptoms include a bluish discolouration of the mucous membranes and skin, frothing at the mouth, muscular twitching, staggering gait and bloat.

Don't allow your stock to "pig out" on Johnson grass!