

Sorghum plants



Sorghum, sudangrass

Sorghum spp.

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| toxins | Cyanide, excess nitrates |
| species | Cattle, sheep, horses |
| habitat | Primarily grown as an annual crop |
| symptoms | Excessive salivation, difficulty in breathing, rapid /weak pulse. Can lead to convulsions and coma/death within 10 or 20 minutes of onset of symptoms. |
| toxic plant parts | Leaves and stems are toxic, but levels are highest during a drought or after a frost. Certain varieties contain lower levels of cyanide. |
| poison details | As little as 5 pounds of the plant ingested for cattle and 1 pound for sheep can be toxic. Avoid grazing/feeding the top 2 feet of forage, if conditions exist. Planting varieties that do not accumulate high levels of cyanide is recommended. |



Sorghum seedheads