

Young lambsquarter plant



Lambsquarter foliage and flowers

Lambsquarters

Chenopodium album

toxins	Nitrate
species	Cattle, pigs
habitat	Nearly any habitat in the Midwest, disturbed areas
symptoms	Perennial edema (kidney damage), drowsiness, weakness, muscular tremors, staggering gate, recumbency, abortion, sudden death.
toxic plant parts	Leaves and stems accumulate excessive nitrate, stems are most toxic. This plant is moderately palatable especially when vegetative.
poison details	Toxic amount dependent on nitrate level in plant tissue. Forage containing greater than 1.5% nitrate or 0.05% animal's weight of nitrate ingested can cause toxicity. Tissue can become high in nitrate after fertilization, during a drought, or following herbicide application. Dilute suspected high nitrate feed with known low nitrate sources to prevent symptoms.