

Poison hemlock

Conium maculatum

toxins	Alkaloids
species	Cattle, pigs, sheep, horses
habitat	Roadside ditches, waste areas, disturbed pastures
symptoms	Salivation, abdominal pain, muscle tremors, incoordination, labored breathing, weak pulse, frequent evacuation.
toxic plant parts	While all plant parts are toxic, young leaves and seeds have the highest toxicity. Toxicity can be reduced but not eliminated by drying forage. Palatability is very low as plants are only eaten when other forage is not available.
poison details	Eating as little as 0.5% of body weight of hemlock can be fatal. Can cause skeletal defects in fetal calves if grazed by pregnant cows. Symptoms appear within 2 hours of ingestion; death occurs in 5 to 10 hours.

Poison hemlock plant



Poison hemlock stem