

Medusahead

Taeniatherum caput-medusae
Poaceae (Grass Family)

Category:

Prohibited Noxious



- **Information:** Introduced from the Mediterranean, weed of forage.
- **Life Cycle:** Annual.
- **Root:** Fibrous.
- **Leaves:** Produces tillers but very few leaves, narrow.
- **Stems:** Hairy.
- **Flower:** Awns 2-7cm long, stiff, finely barbed.
- **Seed/Fruits:** Seed twists as fruit matures, reproduces by seed, doesn't shatter, 7 seeds per spike.
- **Toxicity:** Barbed awns can cause injury to grazing animals.
- **Control:** Mowing, early grazing and cultivation.