

# Look out for new weeds in fodder



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# Are there new weeds on your farm?

Sometimes it's necessary to feed livestock fodder that comes from all over the country, especially during poor seasonal conditions and widespread drought.

Fodder includes any sort of hay, grain, meal, silage or mixture of material used to feed animals.

Many weeds can be brought into new areas through the movement of fodder.

## **Make informed choices when buying or receiving fodder by finding out:**

- » if a fodder vendor declaration is available
- » what plants, including weeds, are known to be present in the fodder
- » where the fodder was grown or sourced
- » the main weeds known to grow in the fodder production area.

## **To assist with identifying new weeds:**

- » have designated feed out areas that you can check regularly for unfamiliar plants
- » check roads and tracks where fodder has been transported
- » if you find something unfamiliar find out what it is as soon as possible
- » seek identification assistance from your local council Weeds Officer or from agricultural advisors/agronomists (within Local Land Services or commercial providers). Even if they don't recognise the plant, they will have contacts who can help to identify the unknown plant.

## **Stop the spread:**

- » regularly check your property for new weeds
- » call the NSW Biosecurity Helpline if you think you have found prohibited matter
- » act to limit spread – control new weeds before they set seed.

## About the weeds in this book

The weeds listed in this booklet are in colour coded sections:

High risk weeds not yet established in NSW that are considered the most serious biosecurity threats and are regulated as prohibited matter under the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

Proactive programs are in place in NSW to prevent these weeds from becoming established. If you think you've seen one of these weeds, please call the NSW Biosecurity Helpline 1800 680 244 and help will be provided to control the plant.

Weeds that occur in some parts of NSW where they pose a known risk to the environment, community or economy. Check WeedWise for the biosecurity duties and minimum control measures that apply to these weeds.

Widespread weeds that you should look for and stop from establishing on your property. Biosecurity duties and minimum control requirements may apply - Check WeedWise.



Specific information about how to fulfil the general biosecurity duty for weeds in your region is also available in the Regional Strategic Weed Management plans:  
<https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/rswmp>

## About the maps in this book

The maps of Australia show the states and territories where a weed has been known to occur (**orange**). This doesn't mean that all areas of the states or territories where the weed occurs are affected, or that all fodder from these states or territories will be affected.

The maps of NSW, divided into 11 Local Land Service regions, show the regions where the weed has been known to occur (**orange**). This doesn't mean that all areas in the Local Land Service regions are affected or that all fodder from these regions will be affected.



## Black knapweed

*Centaurea x moncktonii*

- » Invades pastures, crops and natural areas.
- » Looks like a thistle, especially the purple flower, but it has no spines.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/BlackKnapweed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/BlackKnapweed)



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## Broomrapes

*Orobanche species* (except for clover broomrape *O. minor* and Australian broomrape *O. cernua* var. *australiana*)

- » Pose a serious threat to Australia's grain and vegetable industries.
- » Short brown or straw coloured parasitic plants attached to the base of broadleaf plants. Only the flowering stem can be seen above the ground.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Broomrapes](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Broomrapes)



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PHOTO: Nathan March Biosecurity Queensland

## Gamba grass

*Andropogon gayanus*

- » Invades pastures and natural areas, outcompeting most plants. It also increases fire intensity.
- » A clumping tropical grass up to 4 m tall.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GambaGrass](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GambaGrass)



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PHOTO: Mark Hamilton



## Hawkweeds

All species of *Pilosella* and *Hieracium* except *H. murorum*

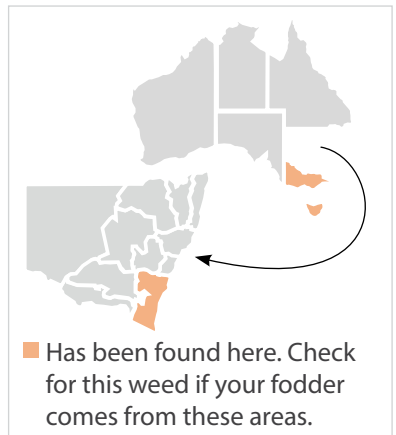
- » Invade native grasslands, pastures and gardens, forming dense stands.
- » Daisies up to 40 cm tall with very hairy leaves and bright orange or yellow flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/OrangeHawkweed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/OrangeHawkweed)

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/MouseEarHawkweed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/MouseEarHawkweed)

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/KingDevilHawkweed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/KingDevilHawkweed)



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## Kochia

*Bassia scoparia* (excluding subsp. *trichophylla*)

- » Invades and competes with pasture grasses and crops. It is toxic to livestock.
- » A shrub that changes colour from green to yellow, red then brown as it ages. It breaks off at ground level when dead and tumbles away in the wind.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Kochia](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Kochia)



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## Koster's curse

*Clidemia hirta*

- » Invades forests, plantations and pastures, forming dense thickets.
- » A bushy shrub with hairy leaves and berries. The ripe berries are dark purple, dark blue or black when ripe.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Kosterscurse](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Kosterscurse)



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## Mexican feather grass

*Nassella tenuissima*

- » Invades pastures, native grasslands and woodlands. It is unpalatable to livestock and reduces pasture productivity.
- » A tussocky grass up to 70 cm tall with long slender seed heads.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Mexicanfeathergrass](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Mexicanfeathergrass)



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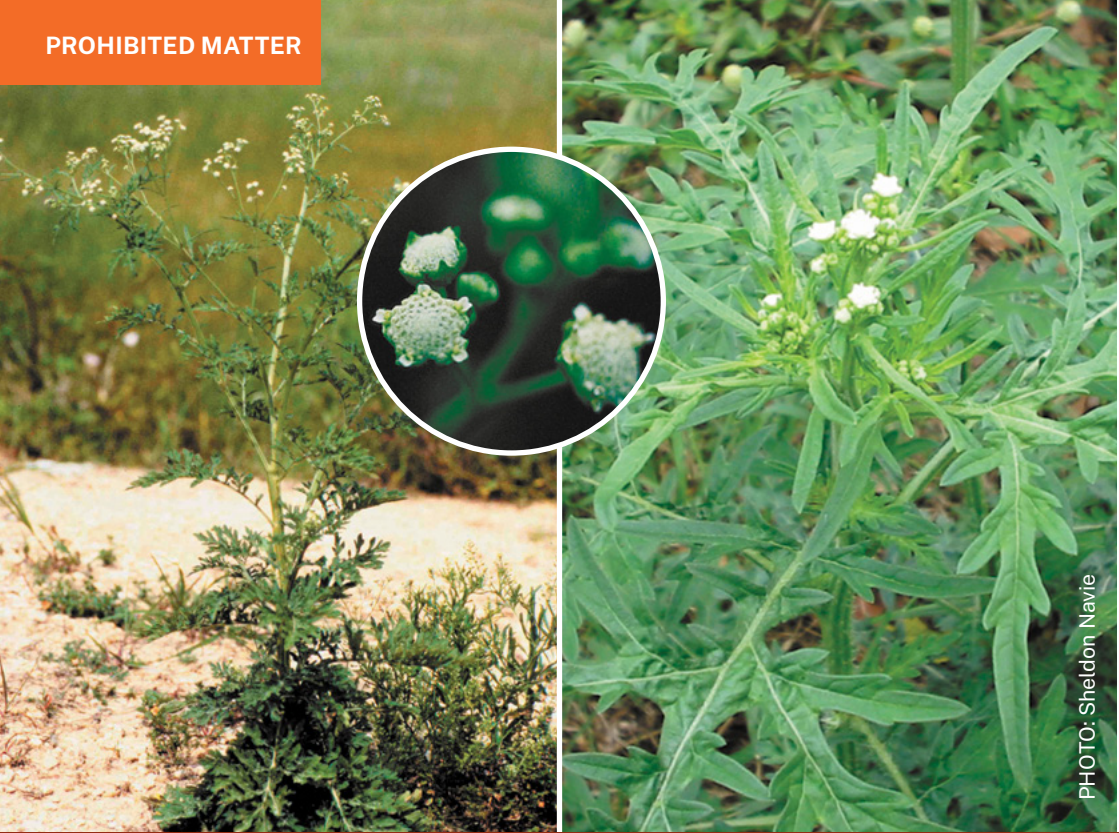


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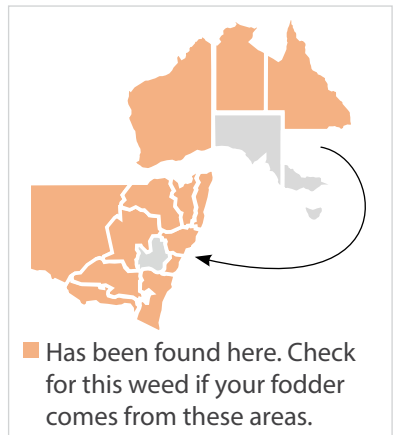
## Parthenium weed

*Parthenium hysterophorus*

- » Invades pastures and crops, reducing productivity. It can cause serious allergic reactions in people and livestock.
- » An annual plant up to 2 m tall with hairy almost fern-like leaves and small white star-like flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/PartheniumWeed](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/PartheniumWeed)



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## Rubber vine

*Cryptostegia grandiflora*

- » Invades open woodland and forests. All parts of the plant are poisonous to livestock and people.
- » A many-stemmed shrub that can climb 30 m into tree canopies or grow to an unsupported height of 3 m.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Rubbervine](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Rubbervine)



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## Siam weed

*Chromolaena odorata*

- » Outcompetes pastures, crops and native vegetation. It is toxic to livestock.
- » A sprawling shrub up to 5 m high which forms tangled thickets. It has clusters of pale blue-lilac flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Siamweed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Siamweed)



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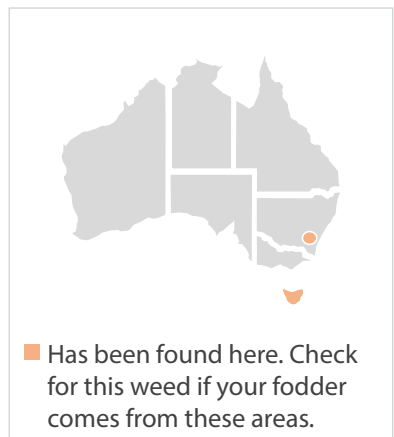
## Spotted knapweed

*Centaurea stoebe* subsp. *micranthos*

- » Produces chemicals that limit other plants' growth. It competes with native plants and pasture.
- » Looks like a thistle, especially the purple flower, but it has no spines.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Spottedknapweed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Spottedknapweed)



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PHOTO: C. Lock Biosecurity QLD

## Witchweeds

*Striga spp.* (except the native *S. parviflora*)

- » Reduce yields of maize, millet, rice, sugarcane, sorghum and legume crops.
- » Short parasitic herbs that grow on the roots of their host crop and emerge from the ground to flower.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Witchweeds](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Witchweeds)



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## Aleman grass

*Echinochloa polystachya*

- » Forms dense stands in swampy areas and along banks of watercourses. It outcompetes other vegetation.
- » An aquatic or semi-aquatic perennial grass that grows up to 2.5 m tall.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Alemangrass](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Alemangrass)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the North Coast region.



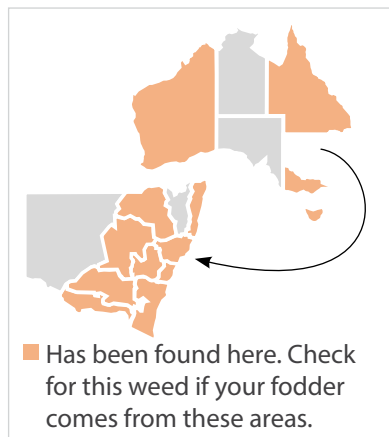
## Alligator weed

*Alternanthera philoxeroides*

- » Invades wetlands, rivers and irrigation systems, forming dense mats. It is very difficult to control once established.
- » A sprawling plant that grows in water and on land. It has small white papery flower heads and hollow stems.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Alligatorweed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Alligatorweed)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in NSW.



PHOTO: Andrew Storrie

## Bedstraw

*Galium sp.*

- » Invades cultivated land and disturbed areas and contaminates grain. Difficult to control in legume crops.
- » A scrambling herb that has rings of 6–8 small leaves around the stem and small white flowers.



Call your local agronomist for advice if you find this weed.

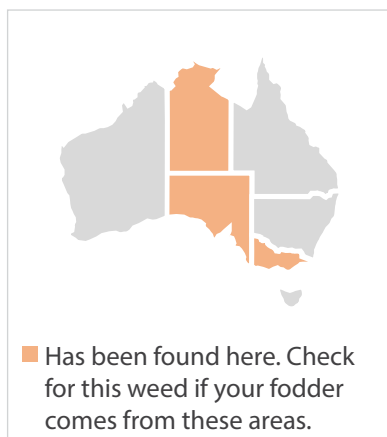


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## Bifora

*Bifora testiculata*

- » Invades field crops and is tolerant to many common herbicides in winter cropping systems.
- » A herb up to 30 cm tall with striped stems and finely divided leaves that smell like coriander.



Call your local agronomist for advice if you find this weed.



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## Blue hound's tongue

*Cynoglossum creticum*

- » Invades pastures and native grasslands. Its leaves are toxic to livestock.
- » A densely hairy herb up to 75 cm tall with small pink to blue flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Bluehoundstongue](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Bluehoundstongue)



■ Has been found here. Check for this weed if your fodder comes from these areas.

Call your local agronomist for advice if you find this weed.



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## Burr ragweed

*Ambrosia confertiflora*

- » Invades pastures, reducing productivity and has burrs that contaminate wool. Some people are allergic to the pollen.
- » An erect herb growing up to 2 m with large deeply divided leaves.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Burrragweed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Burrragweed)



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Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Central Tablelands, Central West or Western region.



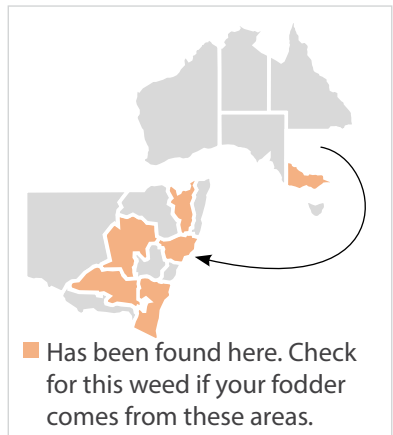
## Cane needle grass

*Nassella hyalina*

- » Invades pastures, native grasslands and woodlands. It reduces productivity and the seeds can injure animals and contaminate wool.
- » A clumping grass usually up to 80 cm tall.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Caneneedlegrass](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Caneneedlegrass)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Riverina.



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## Cape tulips

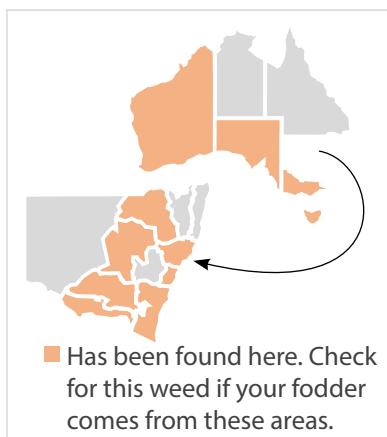
*Moraea flaccida*, *Moraea miniata*

- » Weeds of pastures and cereal crops. They are toxic to people and animals.
- » Small plants 30-60 cm high with broad flat leaves and pink flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/CapeTulipOneLeaf](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/CapeTulipOneLeaf)

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/CapeTulipTwoLeaf](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/CapeTulipTwoLeaf)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed, particularly in the North region.



## Australian Fodder Industry Association

The Australian Fodder Industry Association (AFIA) is the national peak body for the Australian fodder industry, connecting all sectors of the supply chain from seed to feed, representing both the domestic and export sectors. Since 1996, AFIA has been the independent voice of the fodder industry, working to ensure our members have every opportunity to grow their businesses productively and profitably. Our network of members comprise contractors, growers, transporters/carriers, exporters, traders, processors, testing laboratories, agronomists and end-users as well as a suite of sponsors comprising hay and silage machinery manufacturers/dealers, chemical suppliers, packaging manufacturers including wrap & twine, seed suppliers, hay shed manufacturers and insurance brokers. For more information, please visit [www.afia.org.au](http://www.afia.org.au)



### Make informed choices when buying or receiving fodder by finding out:

- » if a *fodder vendor declaration* is available
- » what plants, including weeds, are known to be present in the fodder
- » what other pests and diseases might be in the fodder
- » if resistance weeds might be in the fodder
- » where the fodder was grown or sourced
- » what the main weeds known to grow in the fodder production area are.



Australian Fodder Industry Association

# Fodder Vendor Declaration Form

VDF No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1. Vendor's Details</b>		<b>2. Buyer's Details</b>	
Vendor's name:		Buyer's name:	
Address:		Address:	
Tel:	Fax:	Tel:	Fax:
<b>3. Production Details</b> If vendor not the producer, provide corresponding producer's VDF No.			
Paddock identification:		Delivery date:	
Commodity:		Cutting date:	
Is 95% free of genetically modified organisms: <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>		Other:	
<b>4. Fodder Quality</b>		Analysis: Lab Reference no.:	
Product description:		Dry matter: _____ %	
Species:		Crude protein: _____ % of DM	
(if mixed include estimate of percentage)		Metabolisable energy: _____ MJ/kg of DM	
Quantity: _____ Bale size: _____		Other:	
<b>5. Weeds Biosecurity</b>			
Is it likely that this fodder contains weed material / seeds? <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
If Yes, please list what weed species may be present: _____			
<b>6. Testing and Chemical Status</b>			
This form only applies to a single "lot" of hay (see Sampling Protocol on pressure sheet)			
Has the fodder sample been taken according to AFIA <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Sampling procedure? ( <i>one test per 200 tonne lot or paddock</i> )			
Has the fodder been tested for ARGV <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
or Prussic acid? <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>If yes name, the Laboratory..... Case or Sample No.....and Result .....</i>			
Has the fodder been tested for pesticide residues? <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>If yes, attach details of testing results on the delivered product</i>			
Has the crop been grown on a property with either an organochlorine (OC) status classification, or under quarantine because of OC residues, within the past 12 months? <i>If yes give details</i> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do not know</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Does the property from where the fodder is grown carry accreditation under an independently audited QA program? <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>If yes give name of program</i>			
Has the fodder crop been subject to spray drift during its production? <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do not know</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<i>If yes attach a list of chemicals applied to neighbouring crops, the date sprayed and application rates.</i>			
If selling fodder to a client, operating within a livestock QA program, who require a full list of chemical names, rates and dates both applied to the fodder crop, as well as those applied to neighbouring crops within 100 metres, please attach the details to this form.			

## 6 Declaration

I/We ..... (name of fodder supplier)

declare that I/we have the systems in place to ensure that the fodder complies with all State and Federal laws and the requirements relating to chemical and pesticide residues and specified Government designated maximum residue levels. These systems include:

- (i) any chemical treatment applied to any component of this consignment during storage on our premises or otherwise in our possession was applied as per product label approved by the National Registration Authority for Agriculture and Veterinary Chemicals and that the withholding period specified on that label has been observed; and
- (ii) In relation to the sourcing of raw materials:
  - a) the property on which the fodder was grown, or the storage facility in which the fodder has been stored, carries accreditation under a recognised, and independently audited QA program, which includes chemical residue management provision, **OR**
  - b) has been purchased under a contract in which the supplier warrants that the fodder complies with all State and Federal laws and requirements relating to chemical and pesticide residues and specified Government designated maximum residue levels, **OR**
  - c) in relation to direct farm purchases that the supplier of the fodder has attested to the effect that any pesticides/insecticides used on the fodder have been applied in accordance with the registered labels of these chemicals, at rates not exceeding the maximum rate set out on the label of these chemicals and the appropriate withholding periods have been observed.

I/we further declare that this consignment at the time of the sale:

1. Is free from animal material as defined and required under State legislation and
2. It is otherwise fit for the purpose of feeding to the category of livestock indicated in the product description above.

Intended Use/Purpose: .....

**VENDOR'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chilean needle grass

*Nassella neesiana*

- » Invades pastures, reducing productivity. The sharp seeds injure livestock, contaminate wool and damage hides.
- » A clumping grass to 1 m tall that produces long sharp seeds.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Chileanneedlegrass](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Chileanneedlegrass)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Central West, Central Tablelands, Murray, North West, Hunter or Riverina region.



## Coolatai grass

*Hyparrhenia hirta*

- » Invades pastures and natural areas. It is difficult to control and reduces productivity and biodiversity.
- » A clumping grass up to 1.5 m that has greyish-green leaves that turn orangey-red when frosted.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Coolataigrass](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Coolataigrass)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Murray, Riverina, Central Tablelands, Central West, Hunter, South East or Western region.



## Fireweed

*Senecio madagascariensis*

- » Quickly invades pastures, reducing productivity. It is poisonous to livestock and is difficult to control.
- » A small branched herb 10-60 cm tall that has bright yellow daisy flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Fireweed](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Fireweed)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Central West, Central Tablelands, North West or Riverina region.



## Giant Parramatta grass

*Sporobolus fertilis*

- » Invades pastures, reducing productivity. It is difficult to control.
- » A fast growing clumping grass up to 1.6 m tall with seed heads that are 50 cm long and 1-2 cm wide.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GiantParramattagrass](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GiantParramattagrass)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Central Tablelands Hunter or North West region.



## Giant rat's tail grass

*Sporobolus pyramidalis*

- » Invades pastures, reducing productivity. It is tough and difficult for livestock to graze.
- » A fast-growing clumping grass up to 1.5 m tall with seed heads that look like a rat's tail.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Giantratstailgrass](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Giantratstailgrass)



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Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Greater Sydney or Hunter region.





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## Grader grass

*Themeda quadrivalvis*

- » Invades pastures, crops and native areas. It reduces productivity and biodiversity.
- » Looks similar to kangaroo grass but is up to 2 m tall and golden when mature.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GraderGrass](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GraderGrass)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the North Coast region.



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## Groundsel bush

*Baccharis halimifolia*

- » Invades pastures, forest plantations and bushland. It is toxic to livestock.
- » A densely-branched shrub to 1.5 m tall. It has dull waxy leaves up to 5 cm long and cream or white flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Groundselbush](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Groundselbush)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Greater Sydney, Hunter, North Coast or South East region.



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PHOTO: Jack Crow

## Holly leaved senecio

*Senecio glastifolius*

- » Outcompetes native plants. It produces thousands of seeds and its spread is promoted by fire.
- » A branched shrub usually 1-1.5 m tall with purple daisy flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Hollyleavedsenecio](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Hollyleavedsenecio)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the South East region.



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# Hymenachne

*Hymenachne amplexicaulis*

- » Takes over freshwater bodies and wetlands. It reduces biodiversity.
- » A semi-aquatic grass with broad leaves 10-45 cm long and 2-6 cm wide.

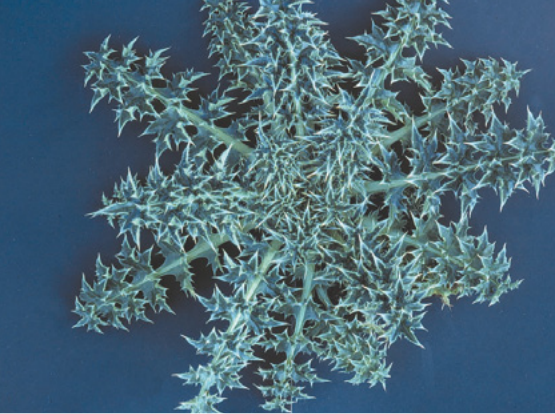
## More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Hymenachne](http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Hymenachne)



■ Has been found here. Check for this weed if your fodder comes from these areas.

Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Central West, Greater Sydney, Hunter, North Coast or North West region.



## Nodding thistle

*Carduus nutans*

- » Forms dense thickets that limit livestock movement. It reduces pasture productivity.
- » A thistle up to 1.6 m high and 1.2 m wide with large flower heads that droop at right angles to the stem.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Noddingthistle](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Noddingthistle)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Greater Sydney region, Hunter or Northern Tablelands



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## Pampas grasses

*Cortaderia* species

- » Invade bushland and outcompete native plants. They can harbour pest animals and increase fire hazards.
- » Very tall grasses up to 6 m high with large feathery pink or white seedheads.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Pampasgrass](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Pampasgrass)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the North Coast region, Central Tablelands, Hunter or Greater Sydney.



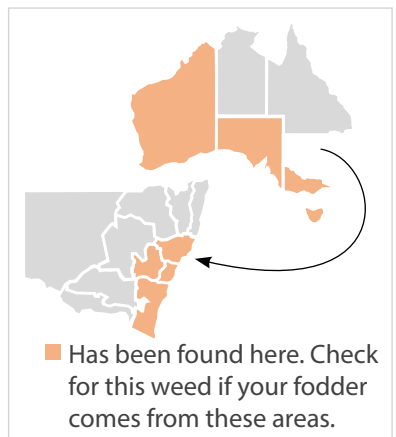
## Ragwort

*Senecio jacobaea*

- » Is poisonous to humans and livestock. It competes with pastures, reducing productivity.
- » A perennial herb that grows about 70 cm tall with clusters of yellow daisy-like flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Ragwort](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Ragwort)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Riverina region.



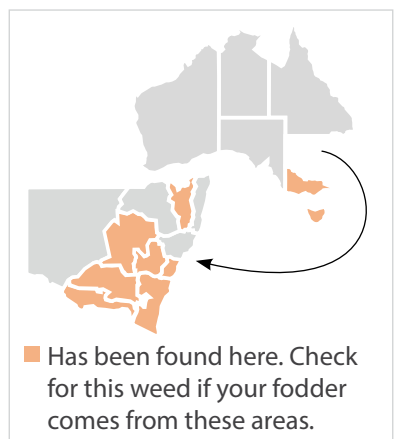
## Serrated tussock

*Nassella trichotoma*

- » Is an unpalatable drought tolerant grass that reduces livestock production. It takes over pastures and native vegetation.
- » A clumping grass up to 60 cm tall and has tightly rolled leaves that are rough to touch.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Serratedtussock](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Serratedtussock)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Central Tablelands, Central West, Greater Sydney, Murray, North West, Northern Tablelands, Hunter or Riverina region.





## Silverleaf nightshade

*Solanum elaeagnifolium*

- » Invades crops and pastures, reducing productivity. It is a deep rooted plant that is difficult to control.
- » Grows up to 60 cm tall with silver-grey hairy leaves, white or purple flowers and berries that are 1 cm in diameter.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Silverleafnightshade](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Silverleafnightshade)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the Hunter, Central Tablelands, Murray Northern Tablelands, North West, South East or Western region.



## Sticky nightshade

*Solanum sisymbriifolium*

- » Sticky competes with crops, pastures and native plants and the sharp prickles can injure people and animals.
- » A prickly shrub up to 1.5 m with sticky, hairy, lobed leaves, white or pale bluish-purple flowers and bright red berries.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/StickyNightshade](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/StickyNightshade)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice on this weed in the Central Tablelands, Hunter, North Coast, Northern Tablelands or South East region.



## Tobacco weed

*Elephantopus mollis*

- » Is a fast-growing herb that forms dense ground cover. It smothers and outcompetes pastures and native plants.
- » A herb up to 1.5 m with rough hairy wavy-edged leaves and small white or pink flowers.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/TobaccoWeed](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/TobaccoWeed)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in the North Coast region.



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## Tropical soda apple

*Solanum viarum*

- » Quickly outcompetes pastures, forming dense prickly thickets and reducing productivity. It also invades natural areas especially along waterways.
- » It is up to 2 m tall with large leaves, white flowers and green to yellow fruit.

### More Information:

[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/TropicalSodaApple](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/TropicalSodaApple)



Call your local council weeds officer for advice if you find this weed in NSW.

Always be on the lookout for new weeds. Some common weeds may be found in many areas of NSW however may not be present on individual properties.

Look out for these narrow leafed weeds:



**African lovegrass**<sup>ww</sup>  
*Eragrostis curvula*



**Annual ryegrass**<sup>1ww</sup>  
*Lolium rigidum*



**Common heliotrope**  
*Heliotropium europaeum*

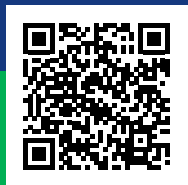


**Feathertop Rhodes grass**  
*Chloris virgata*

<sup>1</sup>especially herbicide resistant strains



<sup>ww</sup> These weeds are in WeedWise  
[weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/](https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/)



Look out for these narrow leafed weeds:



**Great brome**

*Bromus diandrus*



**Johnson grass** <sup>ww</sup>

*Sorghum halepense*

Look out for these broad leafed weeds:



**Creeping knapweed** <sup>ww</sup>

*Rhaphonticum repens*



**Fleabane** <sup>ww</sup>

*Conyza* species



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Look out for these broad leafed weeds:



**Mexican poppy** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Argemone mexicana*



**Paterson's curse** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Echium plantagineum*



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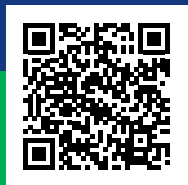
**St. John's wort** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Hypericum perforatum*



**Skeleton weed**  
*Chondrilla juncea*



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Look out for these broad leaved weeds:



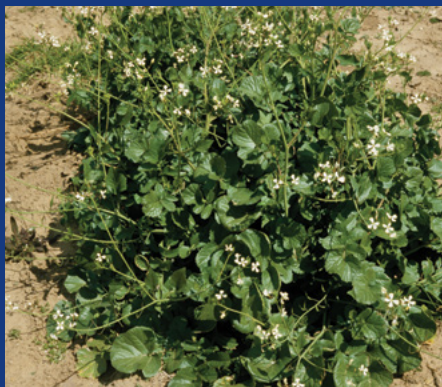
**Spiny burrgrass** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Cenchrus spinifex*



**Spiny emex** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Rumex hypogaeus*



**Thornapple** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Datura stramonium*



**Wild radish**<sup>1</sup> <sup>ww</sup>  
*Raphanus raphanistrum*

<sup>1</sup>especially herbicide resistant strains



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Look out for these broad leafed weeds:



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Western Australia

**Glaucous starthistle** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Carthamus leucocaulos*



**Saffron thistle** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Carthamus lanatus*



**Scotch thistle** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Onopordum acanthium*



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**St. Barnaby's thistle** <sup>ww</sup>  
*Centaurea solstitialis*



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# Keep fire ants out of NSW



Emergency Response Update

## Fire ants spread in feed & fodder



Red Imported Fire Ants (*Solenopsis invicta*), one of the world's most invasive pests, are present in Southeast Queensland, and nests have been found in three locations in Northern NSW.

Some fodder materials, including hay, chaff, and silage, are considered high-risk fire ant carriers. There are restrictions on moving these materials from infested areas of Qld and Northern NSW.

If you are moving these materials, you are responsible for knowing what the requirements are, and making sure you meet them.



### Moving fodder?

- ▲ Check the map:** be aware of where your fodder is coming from and where it is going.
- ▲ Visit the website:** check the **Emergency Order** ensure you meet the requirements. You may need to chemically treat materials, complete a Record of Movement Declaration and upload a biosecurity certificate.

 Emergency Order



 Check the map



 More on fire ants



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- » we look for parthenium weed in the most likely places
- » we encourage landholders to call the NSW Biosecurity Helpline if they see it (1800 680 244)
- » we trace infestations to see how they got here
- » we restrict the movement of equipment and machinery from infested areas.



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