Medusahead, *Taeniatherum caput-medusae*

**Identification:** Winter annual, open sheaths with long-hairy collar and glabrous auricles. Sessile spikelets, lemmas with minute barbs and long awn. Glumes awn-like with minute barbs. Heads can bend to nearly horizontal at maturity.

**Habitat:** Disturbed sites, grassland, range. Likes moisture.

**Animals Affected:** Livestock

**Toxin Family:** Physical injury

**Other:** Awns cause physical injury to nose and mouth of grazing animals. High silica content deters grazing as it reaches maturity.