Onion, Allium spp.

**Identification:** Narrow, linear, fleshy leaves; round stem; single bulb. White flowers in umbel borne on leafless flower stalk. Strong onion odor.

**Habitat:** Meadows, pastures

**Animals Affected:** Cattle are most susceptible, horses and dogs semi-susceptible; sheep and goats most resistant.

**Toxin family:** Alkaloids: damages red blood cell metabolism.

**Other:** Most poisonings are due to animals fed with cull domestic onions—rarely from wild onions. First sign of toxicity is generally dark red-brown urine, weak pulse, onion breath. Causes milk to taste like onion—onion flavor will disappear if animal is cut off from eating onions for 24 hours.

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