Redroot Pigweed, *Amaranthus retroflexus*

**Identification:** Two- to three-foot annual; lower stems red or red-striped. Leaves are alternate and ovate to lanceolate with long petioles and prominent veins. Small green flowers arranged in tight, spike-like terminal clusters. Flowers with long, spine-tipped bracts. Bright red taproot. Prolific seed production.

**Habitat:** Common in cultivated land, pastures and waste areas.

**Animals Affected:** Cattle and pigs.

**Toxin family:** Nitrate and oxalate accumulator: toxicity (and palatability) increases with drought or spraying.

**Other:** Can cause abortion or death, Hay and silage are toxic.

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