

Longspine Sandspur, *Cenchrus lonispinus*



Identification: Eight inch to three-foot warm-season annual. Tufted stems, usually grows horizontally, forming mats. Leaf sheaths are flat and loose, smooth with hairy margins. One- to three-inch long spikes bear clusters of 10-30 burs with stiff, sharp spines.

Habitat: Cultivated fields, pastures and waste areas, favoring sandy or well-drained gravelly soils.

Animals Affected: Grazing animals

Toxin family: Burs

Other: Cultivated fields, pastures and waste areas, favoring sandy or well-drained gravelly soils.