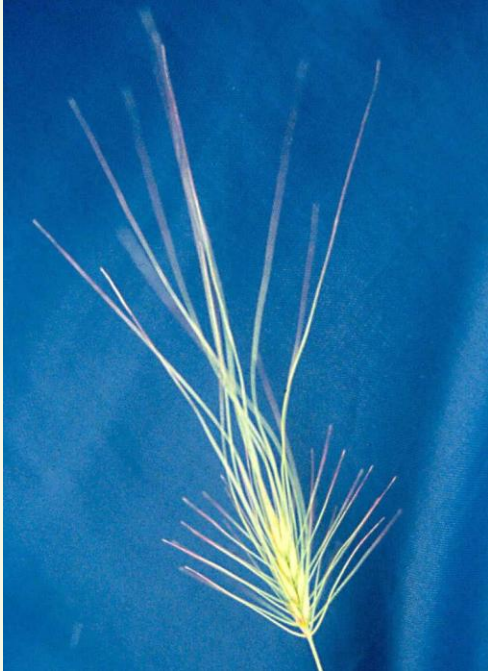


Medusahead, *Taeniatherum caput-medusae*



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.