

Field Horsetail



Vegetative stems.





Fruiting stalks.





Stands can become very thick. Image courtesy of Dr. Gary Lesoing, University Outreach and Extension Regional Agronomist, Richmond, MO.

Life cycle: perennial.

Toxic Plant: Horses are the species most affected, cattle and sheep may be affected, but this occurs rarely. All parts of the plant are toxic, both fresh and dried. Weight loss, weakness, gait abnormalities, abnormal heart rate and/or rhythm, inability to rise and death have been reported.