Poor forage carries risk of poison

The relentless drought that has green vegetative state. settled over much of Kansas and states across the south brings more problems that the lack of pasture remaining plants also contain toxic forage growth for livestock producers.

One potential problem, according to Kansas State Research and Extension beterinarian Larry Hollis, is that weedy species with greater drought tolerance sometimes outcompete desirable grasses and begin to proliferate. Another scenario is that desirable forage species are consumer but fail to re-grow, and only weedy species are left in a

components," Hollis said. "Fortuunpalatable, so livestock species tend to leave those plants alone. However, the problem comes when pastures are not properly managed, or forage supplementation is not provided in a timely fashion and livestock are left with no choice but to consume toxic plants or go hungry."

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management call for knowing the either supplement the cattle with "Either of these scenarios can toxic plant species that are common hay or other feedstuffs or move them become a major problem is those in your area or pastures," he said. "It's also important to recognize when pastures are getting short nately, many toxic plants are also enough that cattle may be forced to consider undesirable options and

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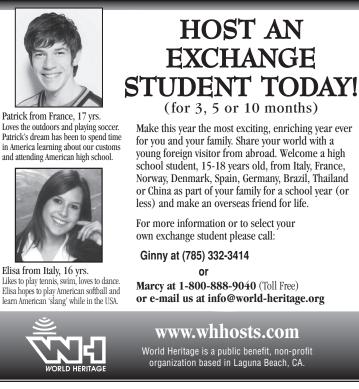
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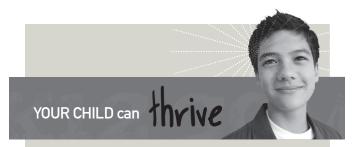
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