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For over 100 years, UC
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developed and provided
science-based information on
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Sweet Vernal Grass (Anthoxanthum oderatum)

Have you seen it?

- Introduced-Short Lived Perennial
- "Sweet" Smelling Leaves
 - Contains-coumarin and ortho-coumaric acid
 - In presence on fungi can convert to dicumarol
 - Dicumarol- toxin in "Sweet clover moldy hay"
- Forage Quality?
 - o Some University sources say good early...
 - o Some University say poor quality...
- Low yielding
 - Dormant in summer
- Matures early
- Prefers low soil pH and low fertility
- Crowds out desirable grasses under grazing/haying

