Sweet Vernal Grass

Sweet vernal grass is one of the earliest flowering grasses in West Virginia. Sweet vernal grass grows in pasture areas low in fertility and/or pH. It is the plant that gives hay a sweet smell.

There is no way to use herbicides to remove sweet vernal grass from a pasture. Proper fertility, pH, and grazing management removes this weed from pastures by allowing the more desirable orchardgrass, bluegrass, and clovers to out-compete sweet vernal grass.

Sweet vernal grass seed heads