

# *Introduction to* **Livestock**



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# Glossary *of Grazing Terms*

# Livestock Names:

## *Barrow*

Castrated male swine.

## *Boar*

Mature male swine, often wild or feral.

## *Bucks or Billies or Rams*

Male goats.

## *Bull*

Male cow.

## *Bullock*

In America refers to a young bull, in the rest of the world refers to an older castrated male.

## *Calf*

A very young cow that hasn't been weaned.

## *Cob*

A stocky, rather small horse, or a large pony.

## *Colt*

Young male horse that has not been neutered.

## *Dairy or Milking Cow*

A cow that has given birth to a calf.

## *Dam*

The mother of a horse.

## *Damsire*

The sire of a dam of a horse, essentially the grandfather.

## *Does or Nannies*

Female goats.

## *Ewe*

Female sheep.

## *Farrow*

A litter of piglets.

## *Feeder Calves*

A very young cow that has been weaned but is less than a year old, generally male.

## *Filly*

A young female horse normally under four years old, which has not given birth.

## *Foal*

Young horse under one year old, either sex.

## *Fresh or Freshened*

A cow or first calf heifer who has recently given birth.

## *Gelding*

A castrated male horse of any age.

## *Gilt*

Female pig that has never given birth.

## *Heifer*

A female cow younger than 3 years old that has not had a baby.

## *Hog*

Domestic swine, generally fully grown.

## *Kids*

Very young goats.

## *Lamb*

Young sheep.

## *Mare*

Adult female horse, usually over the age of three.

## *Maverick*

Unbranded calf or yearling cow of either sex.

## *Pig*

Immature domestic swine.

## *Piglet*

Very young pig.

## *Polled Cattle*

Cows without horns.

## *Ram*

Male sheep.

## *Shoat*

A younger hog that has been weaned

## *Sow*

A mature female swine.

## *Springer*

A cow or heifer close to calving.

## *Stallion or Stud, Entire, or Bull*

Mature male horse, not castrated, over the age of four.

## *Steer*

Castrated male cow.

## *Veal Calves*

Young male cows intended to produce veal.

## *Weaner*

A very young cow that has been weaned but is less than a year old.

## *Weanling*

A very young horse that has been weaned from its mother, but is less than a year old.

## *Wethers*

Castrated male goats or sheep.

## *Working Steer*

Draft cattle under four years old

## *Yearlings*

Cow or horse between one and two years old.

# More Info?

## *Breeds?*

Looking for more information about specific livestock breeds? Go to the Oklahoma State University Dept. of Animal Science Breeds of Livestock database:

[www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds](http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/breeds)

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