Introduction to Livestock
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 then 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.
Breed Information

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

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