

***asnijaz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱ | ᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'as.ni.jaz/

noun · masculine · ja-stem

Meanings

hireling, hired or day laborer; probably originally a harvest-worker or seasonal farm laborer

Etymology

From the **asn-* allomorph of the Germanic ‘harvest’ stem reflected in **azaniz* + **(i)jaz*¹, hence pre-Germanic **as-n-iyó-s* > **asnijaz*, originally ‘one associated with the harvest’ > ‘harvest-worker, hired laborer’ (Krahe & Meid 1969: 72; Lehmann 1986a: s.v. *asneis*; Miller 2014: 139–41; Orel 2003: s.v. **asnjaz*; Ringe 2017: 325–26). The suffix continues PIE **(i)yó-s*, originally relational rather than specifically agentive. Compare **asnō*, another formation belonging to the same Germanic ‘harvest’ word family (Pooth 2018: 1–4). For its deeper PIE etymology and Indo-European cognates, see **azaniz* and **asnō*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	asnijaz	asnijōz, asnijōs
Acc.	asnija	asnijanz
Gen.	asnijas, asnīs	asnijō
Dat.	asnijai	asnijamaz
Inst.	asnijō	asnijamiz
Voc.	asnī	asnijōz, asnijōs

Descendants

***asnī** (Proto-West Germanic)

esne (Old English)

esne (English)

esne (Middle English)

***asnī** (Proto-West Germanic)

asni (Old High German)

***asnī** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***asni** (Old Saxon)

asne, asnen (Middle Low German)

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