

***asnō** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌵 Pronunciation: /'as.nɔː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

wage, payment; perhaps originally a harvest-share or remuneration for harvest work

Etymology

Related to **azaniz* and the inherited Indo-European harvest season word represented by **h₁ós-ŕ* ~ **h₁és-n-*; compare Old Saxon *asna* (Kroonen 2013: 46, s.v. **azani-*). The exact Proto-Indo-European formation is uncertain. Kroonen earlier reconstructed **aznō-* from **h₂es-néh₂-* (Kroonen 2011a: 48, 301), an analysis compatible with the later proposal of **h₂es-* as the source of the harvest family (Neri 2016: 38). Compare Old Prussian *assanis*, Proto-Slavic *esenъ*, and Ancient Greek *ὀπώρα* (*opóra*) (Beekes 2010: 1094–95, s.v. *ὀπώρα*; Derksen 2008: 144, s.v. **esenъ*; Derksen 2015: 555–56, s.v. *assanis*). The semantic development was perhaps ‘harvest, harvest-work/share’ > ‘payment, wage’.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	asnō	asnōz
Acc.	asnō	asnōz
Gen.	asnōz	asnō
Dat.	asnōi	asnōmaz
Inst.	asnō	asnōmiz
Voc.	asnō	asnōz

Descendants

- ***asnu** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - esna** (Old Frisian)
- ***asnu** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - asna** (Old Saxon)
 - asne, asnen** (Middle Low German)

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