

***awidija**

Runic: ᚠ ᚢ | ᚦ | ᚷ

Pronunciation: /'a.wi.đi.jã/

noun · neuter · ja-stem

Meanings

herd or flock of sheep

Etymology

From **awiz* + **-djǵ*, an element occurring in terms for herds, probably ultimately reflecting the zero grade **d^hh₁-* of Proto-Indo-European **d^heh₁-* + **-yo-* (Krahe & Meid 1969: 149; Kroonen 2013: 45). Kroonen reconstructs pre-Germanic **h₃eui-d^hh₁-io-*, approximately **h₂owi-d^hh₁-iyo-m* with the reconstruction of **awiz* used here, literally ‘set/group of sheep’; compare the parallel **kudǵǵ*, which he reconstructs as originally ‘set of cows’ (Kroonen 2013: 45, 308–309). Lehmann (1986a: 52, s.v. *awēpi*) explains the voiceless dental fricative in Gothic *𐌶𐌿𐍄𐌱𐌰* (*awēpi*) by Thurneysen’s law, whereas Ringe & Taylor regard its relationship to West Germanic **awidī* as unclear (Ringe & Taylor 2014: 259). Compare Lithuanian *avìdė*, which may preserve a related formation (Wodtko et al. 2008: 335, 339 n. 25), and possibly Classical Armenian *աւլդի* (*awdi*), which has likewise been connected with this group (Olsen 1999: 496–497).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	awidija	awidijō
Acc.	awidija	awidijō
Gen.	awidijas, awidīs	awidijô
Dat.	awidijai	awidijamaz
Inst.	awidijō	awidijamiz
Voc.	awidija	awidijō

Descendants

- *awidī (Proto-West Germanic)

ēowede, ēowde, ēowd, ēde (Old English)
- *awidi (Proto-West Germanic)

ouwiti, ewit, ewida (Old High German)
- 𐌶𐌵𐌿𐍆𐌿 (awēþi) (Gothic)

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Words mentioned in this entry

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- *kudja noun