

***fehu** Runic: 𐌸𐌹𐌺𐌺 Pronunciation: /'fɛ.xu/

noun · neuter · u-stem

Meanings

1. livestock, cattle
2. property, wealth
3. name of the rune 𐌸 (f)

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **pékū* ('livestock'), a u-stem of root **pek-* ('wealth; livestock'), likely related to the identical stem meaning 'to pluck (wool, hair)'. Cognates are Old Armenian ասր (*asr*, 'fleece, wool'), Old Prussian *pecku* ('cattle'), Sanskrit पशु (*páśu*, *paśú*;) (*páśu*, *paśú*;, 'cattle, kine; any domesticated animal'), Avestan 𐬱𐬰𐬯𐬀 (*pasu*) (*pasu*, 'livestock'), and Latin *pecū* ('cattle; domestic animals').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	fehu	—
Acc.	fehu	—
Gen.	fehauz	—
Dat.	fehiwi	—
Inst.	fehū	—
Voc.	fehu	—

Descendants

***fehu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fē, fio, fiu (Old Dutch)

vêe (Middle Dutch)

vieë, vieëch (Limburgish)

***fehu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fē, fio, fiu (Old Dutch)

vêe (Middle Dutch)

vee (Dutch)

vee (Afrikaans)

***fehu** (Proto-West Germanic)

feoh, fioh, feh (Old English)

feh, fe, fee (Middle English)

fee (English)

fe, fee, fiel (Scots)

***fehu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fia (Old Frisian)

Fäi (Saterland Frisian)

fee (West Frisian)

***fehu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fihu (Old High German)

vihe, vëhe, vich, viech, vech, vie, vë (Middle High German)

Vëh (Alemannic German)

Viech (Bavarian)

Vieh, Viech (German)

Véi (Luxembourgish)

פֿיך (fikh) (Yiddish)

***fehu** (Proto-West Germanic)

fehu, feho, feu (Old Saxon)

vehe, veh, vë, vie (Middle Low German)

Veeh, Veh, Veih (Low German)

Fee (Plautdietsch)

𐌺𐌹𐌸** (feh**), ***𐌺𐌹𐌸𐌺** (***fehu**) (Proto-Norse)

fé (Old Norse)

fæ (Danish)

fæ (Faroese)

fé (Icelandic)

fe (Norwegian Bokmål)

fe, fi (Norwegian Nynorsk)

***𐌹𐌆𐌺 (*feh), *𐌹𐌆𐌺𐌹 (*fehu)** (Proto-Norse)

fé (Old Norse)

fæ (Old Swedish)

fä (Swedish)

𐌹𐌵𐌹𐌶 (faihō), 𐌹𐌵𐌹𐌺 (faihu) (Gothic)

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