

***fermō** Runic: 𐍫𐍦𐍲𐍯𐍶 Pronunciation: /'fɛr.mɔː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

means of living, subsistence

Etymology

Similar to Ginevra's (2021) analysis of *ferhuz ('body; life, being, existence; the world'), this word is likely from Proto-Indo-European *root* **perǵ-* ('colored; speckled'), as the nominalization of an original adjective, i.e., pre-Germanic **per-mo-* < Proto-Indo-European **pérǵ-mo-s*, with cluster simplification of the **-rhm-* < **-rkm-* cluster to **-rm-*. Related to **ferhwą* ('life force, body, being').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	fermō	fermōz
Acc.	fermō	fermōz
Gen.	fermōz	fermō
Dat.	fermōi	fermōmaz
Inst.	fermō	fermōmiz
Voc.	fermō	fermōz

Descendants

farm, fearm, feorm, fiorm, form, fyrm, færm (Old English)

ferme, farme, ferm, fyrme, feorme, veorme (Middle English)

farm, feorm (English)

farm (Danish)

farm (Dutch)

farmi (Finnish)

Farm (German)

ferm (Scots)

farm (Swedish)

פֿאַרם (farm) (Yiddish)

Fjorm (Old Norse)

Fjörm (Icelandic)

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