

LIVESTOCK VOCABULARY

There are different names for different types of livestock and sometimes those names depend on how old the animal is. For example a cow is the most mature female term, but when she is 2 years and under she is called a heifer. Here is a cheat sheet!

Animal	Female	Male	Offspring
Cattle	Heifer – up to 2 years old	Bull – used for breeding	Calf
	Cow – over 2 years old that has produced a calf	Steer – castrated bull used for the market	
Horses	Filly – young female up to about 4 years old	Stallion – used for breeding, work or pleasure riding	Foal
	Mare – mature female 4 years and older	Gelding – castrated stallion used for work or pleasure riding	
Sheep	Ewe – female	Ram – used for breeding	Lamb
		Wether – castrated ram sold market (new home or meat)	
Swine	Gilt – young female	Boar – used for breeding	Piglet/Weaner
	Sow – mature female	Barrow – sold for market (new home or meat)	
Poultry	Pullet – young female	Rooster	Chick
	Hen – mature female	Capon – castrated rooster	