

Animal Fact Sheet

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Domestic Yak

Bos grunniens

The domestic yak is a large, long-haired bovine native to the high-altitude regions of the Himalayas and Central Asia. Adapted to cold mountainous environments, yaks possess a thick woolly coat and l...

Quick facts

Classification: Mammal

Family: Bovidae

Habitat: Mountain grasslands and alpine meadows

Diet: Herbivore

Conservation status: Domesticated: Not Evaluated; Wild Yak: Vulnerable

Lifespan: 15-25 years

Weight: 300-1,000 kg

Scientific name: *Bos grunniens*

Did you know?

- Unlike most cattle, yaks rarely sweat, which helps them conserve heat in their frigid habitats.
- Yaks have larger lungs and hearts compared to cattle, enabling them to survive low-oxygen environments. Their dense undercoat is so warm that it is s...

What I learned

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