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# 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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