FISH TERMINOLOGIES

Farmsteads Thesaurus

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Notes: Thesaurus for indexing different types of farmsteads, related buildings, areas and layouts.

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AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

SN A building used for an agricultural and/or subsistence purpose. Use more specific type where known.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

NT ANIMAL HOUSING

BARN

BASTLE

BOILING HOUSE

CHAFF HOUSE

CIDER HOUSE

DAIRY

DOVECOTE

FARMHOUSE

GRANARY

HORSE ENGINE HOUSE

KILN

LATHE HOUSE

LONGHOUSE

MALTINGS

MILL

MIXING HOUSE

ROOT AND FODDER STORE

SHED

SILAGE CLAMP

SILAGE TOWER

TOWER HOUSE

WELL HOUSE

WORKERS HOUSE

AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

NT CROFT

FARMSTEAD

FIELD BARN

OUTFARM

SHIELING

SMALLHOLDING

YARD

AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

NT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX

AISLED BARN

SN A barn in which a central space is separated from side aisles by posts and braces.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT BARN

ANIMAL HOUSING

SN A structure providing shelter for animals. Use more specific type where known.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

NT CATTLE HOUSING

PIG HOUSING

POULTRY HOUSING

RAMS PEN

SHEEP HOUSE

STABLING

BANK BARN

SN A multi-purpose, two-storey barn, built on a hillside with entrances at both levels to a first floor threshing barn and ground floor animal housing.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT BARN

BARN

SN A building for the storage and processing of grain crops and for housing straw, farm equipment and occasionally livestock and their fodder. Use more specific type where known.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

NT AISLED BARN

BANK BARN

COMBINATION BARN

DUTCH BARN

FIELD BARN

HAY BARN

STADDLE BARN

THRESHING BARN

RT MIXING HOUSE

Bastle House

USE BASTLE (NON DEFENSIVE)

BASTLE

SN A stone building with stone flagged domestic accommodation above non-domestic ground floor accommodation, typically a byre. The domestic accommodation is accessible via an external ladder or stair, the non-domestic ground floor having a separate entrance.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

NT BASTLE (DEFENSIVE)

BASTLE (NON DEFENSIVE)

RT FARMHOUSE

BASTLE (DEFENSIVE)

SN A stone building with thick outer walls and small infrequent windows whose entrance and any internal stairs are capable of defence. Many contain stone vaulted ground floor ceilings although in some instances substantial timbers have been used.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT BASTLE

RT FARMHOUSE

TOWER HOUSE

BASTLE (NON DEFENSIVE)

UF Bastel House

Bastel House

Byre Dwelling

Byre House

House Over Byre

SN A stone building with external access to the domestic accommodation via a permanent stair. The ground floor is normally used as a byre in rural contexts, but in an urban setting it may be intended for one of a number of other non-domestic uses.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT BASTLE

RT FARMHOUSE

Bastle House

USE BASTLE (NON DEFENSIVE)
Bercerie

USE SHEEP HOUSE

BOILING HOUSE

SN A building, or part of a building for the boiling and preparation of animal feed, usually attached to pigsties.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

Byre

USE COW HOUSE

Byre Dwelling

USE BASTLE (NON DEFENSIVE)

Byre House

USE BASTLE (NON DEFENSIVE)

Calf House

USE COW HOUSE

CART SHED

UF Waggon Shed

SN A building used for housing and protecting from the weather carts, waggons and farm implements, often open-fronted.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT SHED

CATTLE HOUSING

SN A structure providing secure housing for cattle. Use more specific type where known.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT ANIMAL HOUSING

NT COW HOUSE

HEMMEL

LINHAY

LOOSE BOX

OX HOUSE

SHELTER SHED

Cattle Shed

USE COW HOUSE

CATTLE YARD

UF Fold Yard

SN A yard for cattle that has access to working buildings, usually cow houses, shelter sheds and barns.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT YARD

CHAFF HOUSE

SN An area within a building (usually the barn or stable) for storing husks from the grain crop (chaff) for animal feed after it has been threshed and winnowed in the barn.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

Chicken House

USE HEN HOUSE

CIDER HOUSE

UF Ciderhouse

SN A building, or part of a building, for the milling and pressing of cider apples to produce cider (or pears for perry) and for storing the drink in barrels.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

Ciderhouse

USE CIDER HOUSE

COMBINATION BARN

SN A threshing barn which also houses farm animals and sometimes used to store grain, house carts and other functions.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT BARN

CORN DRYING KILN

UF Grain Drying Kiln

SN A building for the drying of corn after harvesting, with a slatted drying floor set above a kiln.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT KILN

COURTYARD PLAN

SN A farmstead where the working buildings are arranged around a yard.

CL PLAN TYPES

NT LOOSE COURTYARD PLAN

REGULAR COURTYARD PLAN

COVERED YARD

SN A covered yard for the shelter of cattle that is attached to a building, first used on planned and model farms of the 1850s to 1870s. It became increasingly common from the 1880s to roof over former open yards with timber or metal-framed superstructures.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT YARD

COW HOUSE

UF Byre

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

NT Byre

Calf House

Dairy

SN A detached building, or more often a room within the farmhouse used for the cool storage of milk and making it into butter and/or cheese.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS

BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

Demesne Farm

USE MANORIAL FARM

DISPERSED CLUSTER PLAN

SN A dispersed farmstead where the farm buildings and farmhouse are loosely grouped together within the boundary of the farmstead.

CL PLAN TYPES
DISPERSED PLAN

SN A dispersed farmstead where buildings and yards (regular or loose courtyard in their form) are sited alongside a routeway.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT DISPERSED PLAN

DISPERSED MULTI YARD PLAN

SN A dispersed farmstead where buildings are arranged around scattered yards which can be loose or regular in their form.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT DISPERSED PLAN

DOVECOTE

SN A building or part of a building used to house doves and pigeons, usually placed at a height above the ground, with openings and provision inside for roosting and breeding.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

DUTCH BARN

SN An iron framed, open fronted building for the shelter of hay or corn. They typically date from the late 19th to the mid 20th centuries.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT BARN

FARMHOUSE

SN The main dwelling house of a farm, it can be either detached from or attached to the working buildings. The house can either share the main elevation with the working buildings or may face in a different direction, commonly into a garden area.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
RT BASTLE
   BASTLE (DEFENSIVE)
   BASTLE (NON DEFENSIVE)
   LAITHE HOUSE
   LONGHOUSE

FARMSTEAD

SN The homestead of a farm consisting of a farmhouse and working farm buildings, with yards, other working areas and usually a garden to the house.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX
NT GRANGE
   MANORIAL FARM
   VACCARY
RT FIELD BARN
   OUTFARM

FIELD BARN

SN An isolated barn, cow house or shelter shed with a hayloft. Typically found in areas where farmsteads and fields were sited at a long distance from each other.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT BARN

GRANARY

SN A structure providing secure housing for geese.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT POULTRY HOUSING

GRANGE

SN An outlying farm or estate, usually belonging to a medieval religious order or feudal lord. Specifically related to core buildings and structures associated with monastic land holding. Use specific term where known.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT FARMSTEAD

HAY BARN

SN An open-fronted building for the dry and well-ventilated storage of hay.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT BARN

HEMMEL

SN A small roofed shelter for cattle without tethering point or stalls, but with a small yard attached. Mostly found in North East England.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT CATTLE HOUSING

HEN COTE

USE HEN HOUSE

HEN HOUSE

UF Chicken House
SN A structure providing secure housing for Hens.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT POULTRY HOUSING

HOBBY HOUSE

SN A building for the winter housing of yearling sheep, which can resemble a field barn or shelter shed.
HOP KILN

UF Grain Drying Kiln
Oast House
SN A building in which hops are dried and stored. Known as an Oasthouse or Oast in south east England.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT KILN

HORSE ENGINE HOUSE

UF Wheel House
SN A round or polygonal building containing a horse engine used for powering threshing, and other machinery; typically found projecting from barns.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
RT THRESHING BARN

HORSE YARD

UF Fold Yard
SN A yard for horses that is attached to a stable range.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT YARD

House Over Byre

USE BASTLE (NON DEFENSIVE)
Hovel

USE COW HOUSE

KILN

SN A furnace or oven for burning, baking or drying. Use specific type where known.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
NT CORN DRYING KILN

L PLAN (HOUSE ATTACHED)

SN A farmstead where the farmhouse and working buildings are attached and in-line. They can comprise the extension of linear farmsteads.
CL PLAN TYPES

LAITHE HOUSE

SN A linear range of one construction comprising a farmhouse with attached (but not internally linked) to its working buildings, usually with a large door to the barn for corn or hay and smaller doors to the cow house and/or stable.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
RT FARMHOUSE

LINEAR PLAN

SN A farmstead where the house and working buildings are attached and in-line. Can include Bastles, Longhouses and Laithe houses.
CL PLAN TYPES

LINHAY

SN A two storied and open fronted structure comprising a cattle or cart shelter on the ground floor with a hayloft above. Most common in South West England.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT CATTLE HOUSING

Long House

USE LONGHOUSE

LONGHOUSE

UF Long House
SN A building that housed humans and cattle under one roof, with a shared entrance providing access to the cattle housing (usually downslope) and the dwelling area.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
RT FARMHOUSE

LOOSE BOX

SN A separate compartment, with its own door, for fattening cattle and sometimes housing bulls.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT CATTLE HOUSING

PIG HOUSING
SHEEP HOUSE
POULTRY HOUSING

LOOSE COURTYARD (FOUR SIDED)

SN A farmstead where mostly detached buildings have developed around four sides of an open cattle yard.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT LOOSE COURTYARD PLAN

LOOSE COURTYARD (ONE SIDED)

SN A farmstead where mostly detached buildings have developed around one side of an open cattle yard.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT LOOSE COURTYARD PLAN

LOOSE COURTYARD (THREE SIDED)

SN A farmstead where mostly detached buildings have developed around three sides of an open cattle yard.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT LOOSE COURTYARD PLAN

LOOSE COURTYARD (TWO SIDED)

SN A farmstead where mostly detached buildings have developed around two sides of an open cattle yard.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT LOOSE COURTYARD PLAN

LOOSE COURTYARD PLAN

SN A farmstead where mostly detached buildings have developed around one or more sides of an open cattle yard.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT COURTYARD PLAN
NT LOOSE COURTYARD (FOUR SIDED)
LOOSE COURTYARD (ONE SIDED)
LOOSE COURTYARD (THREE SIDED)
LOOSE COURTYARD (TWO SIDED)

MALTINGS

SN A low ceilinged building for the malting of barley before brewing, specifically for the germination of the crop on malting floors and then drying in a kiln.
A medieval high status farmstead, acting as the centre of the estate, directly controlled by the lord and used for the benefit of his household and dependents.

A factory used for processing raw materials, such as corn to flour.

A building, usually part of another building and located close to the cattle yard, where grain, cake and roots for animals would be prepared for animal feed.

A complex of buildings set within the fields away from the main farmstead, usually including a barn for corn and/or hay and cattle housing set around a yard.

A building, or part of a building, for housing draught oxen.

A farmstead, often of linear plan, where the working buildings are placed opposite and parallel to the house and attached working buildings with a relatively narrow space between.

A structure providing secure housing for pigs. Use more specific type where known.

A building combining a pigsty at ground level with a poultry house in a loft over.

Structures providing secure housing for poultry. Use more specific type where known.

Cubicles for housing rams, resembling pigsties with their own yard but slightly larger.

Regular courtyard farmsteads where the buildings are arranged as an E-shaped plan around two cattle yards. Cattle housing and stabling typically extend as three ranges from the longer main range which includes a barn or mixing house.

Regular courtyard farmsteads where the buildings are arranged as an F-shaped plan around one or two cattle yards. Cattle housing and stabling typically extend as two ranges from the longer main range which includes a barn or mixing house.

Regular courtyard full plan
SN Regular courtyard farmsteads where the buildings are arranged around all four sides of the yard.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT REGULAR COURTYARD PLAN

REGULAR COURTYARD H PLAN
SN Regular courtyard farmsteads where the buildings are arranged as an H-shaped plan, commonly with cattle housing to two or more cattle yards.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT REGULAR COURTYARD PLAN

REGULAR COURTYARD L PLAN
SN Regular courtyard farmsteads where the buildings are arranged as two linked ranges to create an L-shape. They can comprise a barn and an attached shelter shed to a cattle yard or an interlinked cattle housing and fodder range.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT REGULAR COURTYARD PLAN

REGULAR COURTYARD MULTI YARD
SN A farmstead with multiple yards which are grouped together and regularly arranged (other than the defined E, F, H, T or Z plans). The yards may relate to one or more buildings or ranges which may be of either loose courtyard or regular courtyard form.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT REGULAR COURTYARD PLAN

REGULAR COURTYARD PLAN
SN A farmstead where the working buildings are carefully planned as linked ranges and are focused around one or more working yards. They often result from a single phase of building.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT COURTYARD PLAN
NT REGULAR COURTYARD E PLAN
REGULAR COURTYARD F PLAN
REGULAR COURTYARD FULL PLAN
REGULAR COURTYARD H PLAN
REGULAR COURTYARD L PLAN
REGULAR COURTYARD MULTI YARD
REGULAR COURTYARD T PLAN
REGULAR COURTYARD U PLAN
REGULAR COURTYARD Z PLAN

REGULAR COURTYARD T PLAN
SN Regular courtyard farmsteads where the buildings are arranged as two ranges at right angles to each other.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT REGULAR COURTYARD PLAN

REGULAR COURTYARD U PLAN
SN Regular courtyard farmsteads where the buildings are arranged around three sides of a yard which is open to one side.
CL PLAN TYPES
BT REGULAR COURTYARD PLAN

REGULAR COURTYARD Z PLAN
SN An uncommon form of a regular courtyard farmstead where the buildings are arranged in a Z-shaped form.

Rick Yard
USE STACK YARD

ROOT AND FODDER STORE
SN Room, usually part of another building and located close to the cattle yard, for storing and preparing roots and other animal feed.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

ROW PLAN
SN A farmstead where the main range of working buildings are attached in-line and form a long row often facing a series of yards.
CL PLAN TYPES

Sheeling
USE SHEILING

SHED
SN A slight structure, or a modern wide span farm building, built for shelter or storage or for use as a workshop, either attached as a lean-to to a permanent building or separate. Use more specific type where known.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
NT CART SHED
PORTAL FRAMED SHED
SHELTER SHED

Sheep Cote
USE SHEEP HOUSE

SHEEP HOUSE
UF Bercerie
Sheep Cote
SN Housing for sheep, in the form of a shelter shed with low eaves (very difficult to identify, but usually detached from the main farmyard and facing a detached series of yards).
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT ANIMAL HOUSING
NT HOGG HOUSE
LOOSE BOX
RT RAMS PEN

SHEEP YARD
UF Fold Yard
SN A yard for sheep that typically projects from the farmstead.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT YARD

Sheeling
USE SHEILING

SHELTER SHED
SN An open fronted building facing onto a yard used for the sheltering of cattle.
CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT CATTLE HOUSING
SHED

Shiel
USE SHEILING
SHIELING
USE SHIELING

SHIELING
UF Shealing
Sheiling
Shiel
Shielding
SN Summer pasture for cattle or sheep with associated temporary huts for domestic or agricultural use.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX

Shippon
USE COW HOUSE

SILAGE CLAMP
SN An airtight container for the storage of freshly cut grass and its conversion into silage.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

SILAGE TOWER
SN A tower for the airtight storage of freshly cut grass and its conversion into silage.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

SMALLHOLDING
SN Distinct from farmsteads, they either have no defined plan type or they fall into the categories of the smallest plan types. They are usually situated within areas of enclosure of common land and associated with areas of mining or quarrying.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX

STABLE
SN A building, or part of a building, for housing horses or working oxen, storing and maintaining their tackle and sometimes housing farm workers.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT STABLING

STABLING
SN A structure providing secure housing for horses.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT ANIMAL HOUSING
NT STABLE

STACK YARD
UF Rick Yard
SN A farmyard or enclosure for the seasonal storage of stacks of hay, corn, peas etc.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT YARD

STADDLE BARN
SN A threshing barn, usually timber framed which is raised on staddle stones.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT BARN

THRESHING BARN
SN A barn usually containing a single, central threshing floor and bays for storing the threshed corn.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT BARN
NT HORSE ENGINE HOUSE

TOFT
SN The footprint of a house, sometimes raised or marked by earthworks where the house has been removed.

TOWER HOUSE
UF Peel Tower
Pele Tower
SN A fortified tower house of between two and four storeys, mostly 14th - 16th century in date and concentrated in the northern border counties.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING
RT BASTLE (DEFENSIVE)

VACCARY
SN A monastic cattle farm with associated buildings, paddocks and pastures. A stock farm for cattle. Most vaccaries are of 12th or 13th century origin, and were built for ecclesiastical or lay lords. They are concentrated in the Pennines.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT FARMSTEAD

Wheel House
USE HORSE ENGINE HOUSE

Waggon Shed
USE CART SHED

WELL HOUSE
SN A building over a well housing machinery for raising the water.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING

YARD
SN An area enabling general movement and access to the farmhouse and working buildings and for livestock, the storage of harvested crops, timber and other products.

CL AGRICULTURAL COMPLEXES AND BUILDINGS
BT AGRICULTURAL COMPLEX
NT CATTLE YARD
COVERED YARD
HORSE YARD
SHEEP YARD
STACK YARD