

**sow**

I

[sav] *n*

1. сви́нья, свиноматка
2. *метал.* настыль, козёл
  - ◇ to take /to get, to have/ the wrong sow by the ear - ≅ попасть пальцем в небо; обратиться не по адресу
  - to take /to get, to have/ the right sow by the ear - ≅ попасть в точку
  - as drunk as David's/as a/ sow - мертвецки /в доску/ пьяный

II

[səʊ] *v* (sowed [-{səʊ}d]; sowed, sown)

1. 1) сеять, высевать
  - to sow wheat [barley] - сеять пшеницу [ячмень]
  - to sow broadcast - сеять вразброс
- 2) распространять, сеять
  - to sow the seeds of enmity [of hatred] - сеять вражду [ненависть]
2. 1) засеивать
  - to sow a field with wheat - засеять поле пшеницей
  - these acres are sown to rice - на этой площади посеян рис
- 2) усеивать
  - a sky sown with stars - небо, усеянное звездами
  - a meadow sown with daisies - луг, пёстрый от ромашек
  - ◇ to sow the wind and to reap the whirlwind - ≅ посеешь ветер - пожнёшь бурю
  - to sow dragon's teeth - сеять семена раздора, сеять вражду /раздоры/
  - to sow one's wild oats - отдать дань увлечениям молодости; перебеситься, остепениться
  - as a man sows, so shall he reap - *посл.* что посеешь, то и пожнёшь

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▪ **sow** 1 [sow sows sowed sowing sown] *BrE* [səʊ] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [soʊ] <sup>m</sup> **verb**  
**see also** ↑sow <sup>2</sup> (sowed, sown *BrE* [səʊn] <sup>m</sup> ; *NAmE* [soʊn] <sup>m</sup> or sowed, sowed)

1. **transitive, intransitive** to plant or spread seeds in or on the ground
  - ~ **(sth)** Sow the seeds in rows.
  - Water well after sowing.
  - Sow rows of lettuces between other vegetables.
  - ~ **sth with sth** The fields around had been sown with wheat.
2. **transitive ~ sth (in sth)** to introduce or spread feelings or ideas, especially ones that cause trouble
  - to sow doubt in sb's mind
  - to sow confusion

**more at** you reap what you sow **at** ↑reap

Idioms: ↑sow the seeds of something ▪ ↑sow wild oats

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	sow
I / you / we / they	sow
	<i>BrE</i> /səʊ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /soʊ/
he / she / it	sows
	<i>BrE</i> /səʊz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /soʊz/
past simple	sowed
	<i>BrE</i> /səʊd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /soʊd/
past participle	sown
	<i>BrE</i> /səʊn/
	<i>NAmE</i> /soʊn/
past participle	sowed
	<i>BrE</i> /səʊd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /soʊd/
-ing form	sowing
	<i>BrE</i> /səʊɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /soʊɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English sāwan Germanic Dutch *zaaien* German *säen*

Collocations:

**Farming**

*Growing food and raising animals*

- plant trees/seeds/crops/vines/barley
- grow/produce corn/wheat/rice/fruit
- plough/ (*NAmE*) plow land/a field
- sow/harvest seeds/crops/fields
- spread manure/fertilizer on sth
- cultivate/irrigate/water /contaminate crops/plants/fields/land
- damage /destroy/lose your crop
- ripen/pick fruit/berries/grapes
- press/dry/ferment grapes
- grind/thresh grain/corn/wheat

raise/rear/keep chickens/poultry/cattle/pigs  
raise/breed/feed/graze livestock/cattle/sheep  
kill/slaughter livestock  
preserve/smoke/cure/salt meat

Modern farming

run a fish farm/an organic dairy  
engage in/be involved in intensive (pig/fish) farming  
use/apply (chemical/organic) fertilizer/insecticides/pesticides  
begin/do/conduct field trials of GM (= genetically modified) crops  
grow/develop GM crops/seeds/plants/foods  
fund/invest in genetic engineering/research  
improve/increase crop yields  
face/suffer from/alleviate food shortages  
label food that contains GMOs (= genetically modified organisms)  
eliminate /reduce farm subsidies  
oppose/be against factory farming/GM food  
promote/encourage /support organic/sustainable farming

Example Bank:

- Sow the seeds quite thinly.
- We've sown that field with wheat.

• **II. sow** 2 [sow sows sowed sowing sown] BrE [səʊ] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [saʊ] <sup>m</sup> noun

a female pig

compare ↑boar, ↑hog

see also ↑sow 1, see make a silk purse (out of a sow's ear) at ↑silk

Word Origin:

Old English *sugu* Dutch *zeug* German *Sau* Indo-European Latin *sus* Greek *hus* 'pig'

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **sow**<sup>1</sup> /səʊ \$ sɔ:/ BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> verb (past tense **sowed**, past participle **sown** /səʊn \$ soun/ or **sowed**)

[Language: Old English; Origin: *sawan*]

1. [intransitive and transitive] to plant or scatter seeds on a piece of ground:  
Sow the seeds in late March.

**sow something with something**

These fields used to be sown with oats.

2. [transitive] to do something that will cause a bad situation in the future:  
repressive laws that are sowing the seeds of future conflicts

**sow doubt/confusion/dissatisfaction etc**

an attempt to sow doubt among the jury members

3. **sow your wild oats** if a man sows his wild oats, he has sex with many different women, especially when he is young

—**sower** noun [countable]

II. **sow**<sup>2</sup> /saʊ/ BrE <sup>m</sup> AmE <sup>m</sup> noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: *sugu*]

a fully grown female pig ⇒ **boar**

**SOW**

Freakuency Pack

12500 **7307**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **5999**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k** SOW <sup>2201</sup>

sow <sup>1038</sup>

sows <sup>167</sup>

sowed <sup>177</sup>

sown <sup>377</sup>

sowing <sup>358</sup>

sowings <sup>11</sup>

sower <sup>30</sup>

sowers <sup>43</sup>

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

237 **33412**<sup>461</sup> *nn1*

243 **40731**<sup>325</sup> *vv0*

236 **46742**<sup>252</sup> *vv1*