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n. pl. o·va·ries

1.

a. One of the paired female reproductive organs that produce eggs and female sex hormones in humans and other vertebrates.

b. An analogous gland in an invertebrate animal, such as a flatworm or a mollusk.

2. *Botany* The ovule-bearing lower part of a pistil that ripens into a fruit.

[New Latin *ōvārium*, from Latin *ōvum*, egg; see **awi-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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