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*n.*  
*Chiefly British*  
A barn for cows.

[Middle English, from Old English *bȳre*; see **bheua-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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