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du-rum  (d r əm, dy r -, dūr -)

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n.

A type of wheat (*Triticum turgidum* subsp. *durum* syn. *T. durum*) having hard grains with high protein and gluten content, thought to have been developed in the Middle East in the Neolithic period and now used chiefly in making pasta.

[From Latin *dūrum*, neuter of *dūrus*, hard; see **deru-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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