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*n.*

1. *Roman Mythology* The goddess of agriculture.
2. The closest dwarf planet to the sun, with an orbit between Mars and Jupiter. Ceres was the first object in the asteroid belt to be discovered.

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[Latin *Cerēs*; see **ker-**<sup>2</sup> [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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**Ceres**

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