

Chiefs had the most cattle and the most power.

Cattle were a sign of wealth and power

A chief sometimes lent cattle to poor people. He let them keep the milk and some of the calves.



Cattle were important for milk, meat, leather, bones and dung.

Cattle were sacrificed as part of celebrations and ceremonies

The importance of cattle

If a man had lots of cattle, he could marry many wives.

Cattle were used for lobola. Lobola is payment in cattle to the family for a bride.