

Festivals and Farming

English translation:

Young Woman: Can you give us an example of a Yoruba festival?

Man: Yorubas have different festivals and celebrations; these festivals are... From times past, we conduct these festivals to end... emmm... end a harvest. For example, when it is the rainy season, from the start of rain, the farmers will start working on their farms; they will start preparing to plant fruits. Most of what they planted were yams, cassava, corn in different types, and so on and so forth. All these plants generate a lot of money. In modern times, we started producing palm kernels, cocoa, and... some people produce rubber, especially those in the Ijebu community¹ that is closer to the Kobokobo community known as the Bendels.

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¹ Ijebu community is a town in Ogun state, Nigeria.