

Women as livestock keepers

Evidence has shown that women were some of the first livestock keepers. During the hunter-gatherer stage of human history, men were hunters, while women gathered plants and fruits. The women would also be in charge of taking care of the infants, which means that their jobs were restricted to actions that they can do from their home. When humans finally transitioned to farming, the role of domesticating animals fell on women. Today, most poor livestock owners are also women. While this is true, they actually do not own an equal percentage of the livestock. For example in Gambia, while women own 38.3% of herds, they only own 15.9% of cattle.

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