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Harvested yams are displayed in elaborate structures, showcasing the bounty of the season. It is a time for feasting, singing, dancing, and merriment, strengthening community bonds.

The festival reinforces Igbo cultural values, such as gratitude, hard work, and community spirit.

Iri Iji is a vibrant celebration that highlights the importance of

agriculture, community, and tradition in Igbo culture. It is still a chief Igbo festivity across the length and breadth of Igboland.

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Chikwere is a passionate history blogger dedicated towards sharing fascinating stories and untold tales of Igbo history and culture. I am also a Graphic Designer and a Tech enthusiasts. I developed a deep love for Igbo culture and tradition since my teenage age. So far I've learnt alot about Igbo History and Culture and I'll share the knowledge acquired so far in this space of Igbo History and Culture. Daalu.



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