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BOVIDÆ, a family of ruminating animals, containing not merely the oxen, but many other animals now placed in other families. It was subdivided into *bovina*, *cervina*, *giraffina*, *moschina*, and *camelina*; also, a family of ruminating animals, consisting of species with simply rounded horns, which are not twisted in a spiral manner. There are no lachrymal sinuses. It contains the genera bos, bison, bubalus, etc. *Ovibos* (musk ox), generally ranked under *bovidæ*, is by some placed with the *ovidæ*. The oldest known are various species of bos, hemibos, and amphibos in the Upper Miocene of India. The genera bos and bison are found in the Pliocene.

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