

Changing climate, changing cattle farming - Part 1

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How do we intensify livestock to feed the global south, but also mitigate climate emissions?

Is it possible to increase livestock productivity while decreasing its environmental cost?

[Tim Offei-Addo](#) returns to the Boma to talk to three ILRI researchers - [Esther Kihoro](#), [Todd Crane](#) and [Renee Bullock](#) - who want the world to know that to begin to answer that question we must first understand the people who are doing the farming.

It's not enough, they say, to think up ways to reduce climate emissions from livestock.

What's good for the crop farmer who needs cattle for draught will not be good for the roaming Maasai herder. If dairy production becomes more commercialised, what will happen to the women who provide so much the labor in household farms? And cattle farming is more than a means of producing milk to many people - it is embedded in their culture, essential for status, marriage, finances, and many more purposes.

Livestock systems vary greatly around the world and can enhance or harm the environment depending on how they are managed. Listen to this two-part mini-series looking at the tricky relationship between livestock and climate change.

Resource type

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