Introduction
As the premier national agricultural research organization, KARI contributes to national development, more specifically to agricultural development, through generation of technologies, new knowledge and innovations. Indeed, the agricultural sector is expected to play a critical role in the attainment of Vision 2030. In its strategic plan, KARI has adopted the value chain concept which encompasses the whole continuum of technology development to commercialization and all the way to the consumer. Thus, the objectives of poverty reduction and food security will remain relevant but embedded in agriculture as a commercial undertaking. To date, KARI has kept pace with the increasing demands and has been instrumental and proactive in providing scientific solutions for agricultural development. KARI therefore plans diligently and carefully so that its programmes including the livestock ones at KARI Naivasha Centre respond to real, current and future needs of the livestock farming community, other stakeholders and partners in the sub-sector.

Vision
KARI envisions a "vibrant commercially oriented and competitive agricultural sector propelled by science, technology and innovation".

Mission
To contribute to increased productivity, commercialization and competitiveness of the agricultural sector through generation and promotion of knowledge, information and technologies that respond to clients demand and opportunities.

Role Of KARI Naivasha Centre
To generate and promote livestock knowledge, information and technologies that respond to clients' demands and opportunities.

Improved Indigenous Chicken
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Recommendations on crop/livestock integration and livestock production systems interactions.

- Appropriate housing and feeding systems for livestock eg Naivasha Poultry Feeder,
- Mobile Calf House
- Modified Nipple Calf Feeder etc.
- Improved Indigenous Chicken Day-Old-Chicks

Our products
- Sahiwal breeding stock for local and export markets
- Appropriate dairy crossbreeds for improved dairy production
- Quality pedigree Sahiwal semen for local and export markets
- Efficient and cost effective management recommendations for all livestock species
- Zero grazing technologies
- Pamphlets, manuals for various livestock production systems
- Improved indigenous chicken germplasm for poultry farmers

Consultancy and advisory services
- Consultancy/advisory services from experienced and well-trained multidisciplinary team of livestock scientists.
- Attachment opportunities for students.
- Training courses on various aspects related to livestock production and economics
- Fully equipped laboratory or analysis of livestock feeds
- Livestock feed formulation and preparation of compounds
- Facilities to conduct advanced livestock research
- Advisory services on livestock production and Farm plans
- Poultry slaughter equipment and cold storage
- Provision of breeder’s stock to livestock farmers
- Product development e.g. dairy products
- Support in statistics and general data analysis
- Conference facility at reasonable cost
The KARI demonstration plots showing various varieties of fodder crops suitable for livestock including the sowing of lucerne seed will be demonstrated to farmers attending the seminar. Below the zero grazing unit showing a calf with feeding utensils and dairy cattle with feed. Visitors will also be able to visit this unit throughout the 3 day seminar. KARI officials will be on hand to give explanations and answer questions.