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# Food systems and the political economy: A lens for understanding farmer herder conflicts

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Farming and pastoralism are two food production systems that are increasingly clashing as pressure for land rises in a context of poor tenure security and land use planning and development narratives that prioritize crop farming over livestock production despite a steadily growing demand for livestock products.

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A man walking with camels in Kenya

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