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'This is one of the biggest livestock market in East and Central Africa', a team of GOVSEA researchers was told during a recent visit to Garissa's livestock market. Veterinary officers and livestock traders described this January as a good market season. At times, there is so much livestock in the market that some of the trading has to occur outside the selling yard. By the time we had arrived at the market at 12:00 noon, most of the trading of that day had already been made. Animals had been given unique identity marks to ensure their traceability within the big mass of cattle in the market or to avoid confusion during transit. Lorries and trucks were busy loading livestock at one of the two loading rumps within the market in alternation as other trucks were on stand-by.

Earlier that day trucks with up to a thousand cattle had embarked on their journey to Nairobi, Thika and Mombasa, which are Garissa's most important terminal markets. 'Dispatch always occurs from Wednesday, the main market day, to Saturday, while Sunday to Tuesday makes part of the week when animals flow in from the border and other feeder markets to Garissa', explained Mr. Nthimba, the market's livestock officer. [Read More](#) [8]

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