

OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET

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VARIAIONS IN PRICES VERY SLIGHT

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OMAHA, April 1.—Receipts for five days foot 10,000 cattle, 15,445 hogs, 2,476 sheep, against 12,221 cattle, 15,202 hogs, 4,088 sheep, the same five days last week.

The supply of cattle was rather small and did not include a great many really desirable heaves. So far this week there has been a falling off in receipts compared with last week of about 2,000 head. The market continues moderately steady and prices for cattle and sheep work have not varied enough to quote. Shipping and export buyers wanted good heavy cattle and paid fair prices for what few were here and would be brought here had they been on sale. There was also a fair demand from local killers for cattle of this grade.

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