



Steel and Scrap Report

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FOB China HRC

The index kept flat yesterday (30.3.22) at US\$858/t, MTD US\$854.68/t.

A north China mill sold small quantity of SS400 HRC at \$905/t fob to South America this week. The volume was too small to represent the market level and most seaborne buyers were reluctant to place orders. The European market has also signalled softness in recent two days, leading to more caution among seaborne buyers.

Vietnamese buyers were cautious to place orders this week as they bought around 100,000t SAE1006 grade coils from China and Kazakhstan at \$900/t and \$880/t cfr Vietnam, respectively, last week. The stock is enough for Vietnamese mills for normal operation and they feared a price fall may happen soon with potential rising supply from Russia after it said this week that it will scale back military operations around Ukrainian capital Kyiv and the northern city of Chernihiv. (Argus)

US HRC

Bullish sentiment continues in the US steel market on supply concerns: survey

Continued expectations of rising prices
Tightening longs supply
Another sharp increase in scrap prices

Sentiment for finished steel prices has continued to improve in the US in April, with US steelmakers announcing price increases as raw material prices continue to rise following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, along with rising transportation and fuel costs, according to the latest S&P Global Commodity Insights US steel market participant survey.

In the survey of US producers, distributors, traders, and end-customers, 91% of those surveyed expected prices to rise, compared with 59% in March, with 40% of those bullish participants expecting a rise of more than 5% in finished steel prices, and none anticipating prices to fall during April.

Most respondents attributed the expected rise in prices to increasing scrap prices, and the invasion of Ukraine changing the supply chain, demand was also expected to remain strong in the near term. Service centers have been more actively inquiring in the spot but higher mill offer levels have yet to be tested.

"There was an initial shock to the market and we should start to see things temper over the next couple of weeks," a flats distributor said.

Steel flats and longs market participants are starting to see tightening inventories month on month.

The daily TSI US hot-rolled coil assessment trended higher in March, rising by \$400/st since the start of the month, according to Platts assessment from S&P Global, snapping five consecutive months of downturns.

(Platts)

Market Rates

Indices	Price	Change	MTD
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 CFR Turkey (\$/mt)	652.50	-1.50	640.30
Steel Rebar FOB Turkey (\$/mt)	960.00	-5.00	923.75
Argus HRC NW Europe (€/mt)	1377.25	-10.25	1277.23
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	858.00	0.00	854.68

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	875	905	890
Apr-22	880	910	895
May-22	855	885	870
Q2-22	868	878	873
Q3-22	817	827	822
Q4-22	795	805	800

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	595	605	600
Apr-22	645	655	650
May-22	635	645	640
Q2-22	637	647	598
Q3-22	593	603	598
Q4-22	560	570	565

LME REBAR FOB TK			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	855	865	860
Apr-22	955	965	960
May-22	945	955	950
Q2-22	940	950	945
Q3-22	882	892	887
Q4-22	848	858	853

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	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-22	870	880	875
May-22	875	885	880
Jun-22	870	880	875
Q2-22	872	882	877
Q3-22	852	862	857
Q4-22	837	847	842

US HRC USD/short ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1105	1125	1115
Apr-22	1525	1545	1535
May-22	1505	1525	1515
Q2-22	1497	1517	1507
Q3-22	1395	1415	1405
Q4-22	1313	1333	1323

NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-22	1280	1300	1290
Apr-22	1380	1400	1390
May-22	1375	1395	1385
Q2-22	1377	1387	1382
Q3-22	1343	1353	1348
Q4-22	1312	1322	1317

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