

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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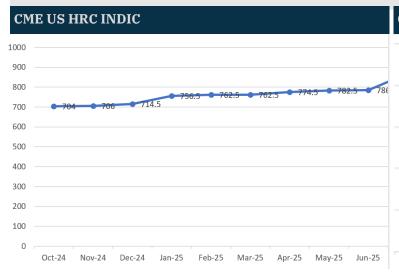
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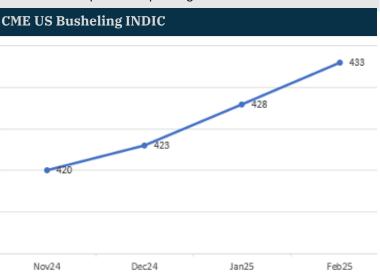
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US HRC

Today's U.S. HRC futures saw heightened trading activity across the curve, with notable volume in Q225 and Q325 contracts. Mar25-Apr25 strip traded at \$770 consistently in 5ktpm in total, reflecting sustained bullish sentiment into Q2 2025. Dec24 softened slightly, trading at \$714 in 5.78kt in total, in addition to \$715 in 1kt, a slight pullback from yesterday's \$720 level. Nov24 traded \$710 in 1kt, maintaining firm support just below the \$715-\$720 range, indicating buyers securing short-term coverage while keeping an eye on year-end price movements. Further out, Jun25-Aug25 strip traded at \$785 in 3ktpm and Q2+Q325 strip at \$785 in 300tpm, reflecting continued confidence in higher prices, likely driven by expectations of supply constraints and rising costs. On the supply side, according to AISI, U.S. raw steel production showed its third consecutive weekly increase, reaching 1.66 million short tons, up 1.8% week-over-week. However, output still hovers near 2024 lows, with utilization rates up slightly to 74.7%. Regional gains in the Northeast and Great Lakes were offset by declines in the South and Midwest, reflecting an uneven recovery in mill activity.

Turning to the series of Chinese stimulus, according to Reuters, China is considering issuing \$1.4 trillion in new debt to stabilize its economy, including \$841 billion for local government debt relief, with potential for further expansion depending on the U.S. election results.





| CME Settlements—US HRC | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------|-------|------|-------------|------|--|
| Period | CME Value | Prior | Diff | Open Int | Chg | |
| Nov 24 | 710 | 717 | -7 | 3829 | -74 | |
| Dec 24 | 722 | 723 | -1 | 8879 | +58 | |
| Jan 25 | 762 | 763 | -1 | 3082 | +263 | |
| Feb 25 | 769 | 770 | -1 | 1642 | +130 | |
| Mar 25 | 764 | 765 | -1 | 2057 | -1 | |
| Apr 25 | 785 | 765 | +20 | 1550 | 0 | |
| May 25 | 785 | 770 | +15 | 1232 | 0 | |
| June 25 | 785 | 790 | -5 | 377 | +23 | |
| July 25 | 790 | 797 | -7 | 330 | +1 | |
| Aug 25 | 790 | 800 | -10 | 356 | +26 | |
| Sep 25 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 330 | 0 | |
| Oct 25 | 800 | 800 | 0 | 222 | 0 | |

| CME Block Trades - US HRC |
|--------------------------------------|
| Nov24+Dec24 US HRC @715 in 480t/340t |
| 1H25 US HRC @780 in 300tpm |
| Jun25-Aug25 US HRC @785 in 1ktpm |
| Mar25-Apr25 US HRC @770 in 3ktpm |
| Mar25-Apr25 US HRC @770 in 500tpm |
| Mar25-Apr25 US HRC @770 in 1.5ktpm |
| Dec24 US HRC @714 in 780t |
| Jun25-Aug25 US HRC @785 in 2ktpm |
| Dec24 US HRC @715 in 1kt |
| Nov24 US HRC @710 in 1kt |
| Q225+Q325 US HRC @785 in 300tpm |
| Dec24 US HRC @714 in 5kt |

Source: CME, FIS,

Reuters, AISI

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| Indices | Price | Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR) | 362 | +2 |
| Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB) | 590 | 0.00 |
| CRU HRC (\$/mt) | 703 | -11 |
| Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt) | 750 | +20 |
| Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt) | 750 | +20 |
| Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt) | 493 | +9 |
| | | Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff |

| LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|--|
| Period | Bid | Ask | Value | | |
| Oct-24 | 495 | 505 | 500 | | |
| Nov-24 | 502 | 512 | 507 | | |
| Dec-24 | 510 | 520 | 515 | | |
| Jan-25 | 516 | 526 | 521 | | |
| Feb-25 | 517 | 527 | 522 | | |
| Q4-24 | 502 | 512 | 507 | | |

| LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|--|
| Period | Bid | Ask | Value | | |
| Oct-24 | 371 | 377 | 374 | | |
| Nov-24 | 371 | 377 | 374 | | |
| Dec-24 | 376 | 382 | 379 | | |
| Jan-25 | 379 | 385 | 382 | | |
| Feb-25 | 380 | 386 | 383 | | |
| Q4-24 | 373 | 379 | 376 | | |
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| LME REBAR FOB TK | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|--|
| Period | Bid | Ask | Value | | |
| Oct-24 | 588 | 598 | 593 | | |
| Nov-24 | 591 | 601 | 596 | | |
| Dec-24 | 594 | 604 | 599 | | |
| Jan-25 | 601 | 611 | 606 | | |
| Feb-25 | 602 | 612 | 607 | | |
| Q4-24 | 591 | 601 | 596 | | |

| CME US BUSHELING | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|--|
| Period | Bid | Ask | Value | | |
| Oct-24 | 415 | 425 | 420 | | |
| Nov-24 | 415 | 425 | 420 | | |
| Dec-24 | 415 | 430 | 423 | | |
| Jan-25 | 415 | 430 | 423 | | |
| Feb-25 | 415 | 430 | 423 | | |
| Q4-24 | 415 | 430 | 423 | | |

| CME US HRC USD/short ton | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|
| Period | Bid | Ask | Value | |
| Oct-24 | 700 | 710 | 704 | |
| Nov-24 | 700 | 710 | 706 | |
| Dec-24 | 710 | 720 | 715 | |
| Jan-25 | 750 | 760 | 756 | |
| Feb-25 | 760 | 770 | 763 | |
| Q4-24 | 705 | 715 | 708 | |

| CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|
| Period | Bid | Ask | Value | |
| Oct-24 | 555 | 565 | 560 | |
| Nov-24 | 575 | 585 | 580 | |
| Dec-24 | 590 | 600 | 597 | |
| Jan-25 | 610 | 620 | 613 | |
| Feb-25 | 620 | 630 | 625 | |
| Q4-24 | 575 | 585 | 579 | |

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