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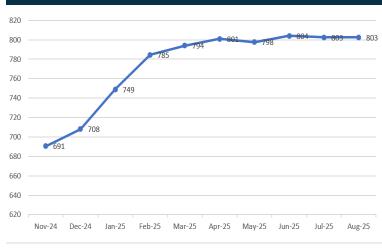
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US HRC

Today's U.S. HRC futures market saw steady activity into Q125, with Jan25 trading at \$740 in 3kt in total, \$742 in 500t, in addition to Feb25 trading at \$785 in 2kt. Going into 2H25, Jun25-Aug25 traded at 805 in 4ktpm, and Q325 traded at \$802 in 200tpm. The consistent activities in Q1 and Q2 positions reflects cautious optimism for pricing stability in early 2025, amid ongoing macroeconomic and industry developments.

U.S. weekly jobless claims fell by 4,000 to 217,000, below the estimated 220,000, signaling continued resilience in the labor market. Timna Tanners from Wolfe Research shared her outlook for 2025 under Trump's second term, highlighting both opportunities and risks for the steel industry. Tanners noted that Trump's business-friendly policies, such as reduced regulation and tax cuts, could boost domestic investment, while stricter trade enforcement and tariffs may limit imports, favoring U.S. producers. However, she cautioned that these tariffs could also stoke inflation and lead to higher interest rates, potentially dampening steel demand in construction and automotive sectors. Tanners expects a mixed price outlook, with Wolfe Research forecasting HRC prices to average \$740/st in Q1, \$800/st in Q2, \$720/st in Q3, and \$740/st in Q4, resulting in an annual average of \$750/st for 2025.







CME Settlements-US HRC								
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg			
Nov 24	692	685	+7	3259	-15			
Dec 24	710	697	+13	8962	-495			
Jan 25	747	736	+11	3865	+80			
Feb 25	784	785	+1	1947	+161			
Mar 25	804	800	+4	2405	+87			
Apr 25	798	814	-16	1727	+9			
May 25	790	800	-10	1357	+9			
June 25	790	800	-10	473	0			
July 25	790	800	-10	359	0			
Aug 25	790	800	-10	389	0			
Sep 25	790	800	-10	331	0			
Oct 25	790	800	-10	219	0			

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Feb25 US HRC @785 in 2kt Q325 US HRC @802 in 200tpm Jun25-Aug25 US HRC @805 in 2ktpm Jun25-Aug25 US HRC @805 in 2ktpm Jan25 US HRC @742 in 500t Dec24 US HRC @742 in 500t Jan25 US HRC @740 in 500t Jan25 US HRC @740 in 500t Jan25 US HRC @740 in 1kt Jan25 US HRC @740 in 1kt

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LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
Bid As	k Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
78 48	3 483	Nov-24	359	365	362	
·87 49 [·]	7 492	Dec-24	360	366	363	
.97 50 [°]	7 502	Jan-25	364	370	367	
00 51	505	Feb-25	365	371	368	
06 51	5 511	Mar-25	367	373	370	
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Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-24	582	592	587	Dec-24	420	430	423
Dec-24	582	592	587	Jan-25	432	440	435
Jan-25	592	602	597	Feb-25	450	460	453
Feb-25	595	605	600	Mar-25	450	460	453
Mar-25	598	608	603	Apr-25	447	455	450
Q1-25	595	605	600	Q1-25	449	455	452

CME US HRC USD/short ton				CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Nov-24	685	695	690	Nov-24	565	575	568
Dec-24	700	710	706	Dec-24	575	585	578
Jan-25	745	755	749	Jan-25	600	610	604
Feb-25	780	790	785	Feb-25	605	615	610
Mar-25	795	805	798	Mar-25	630	640	633
Q1-25	770	780	777	Q1-25	610	620	616

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