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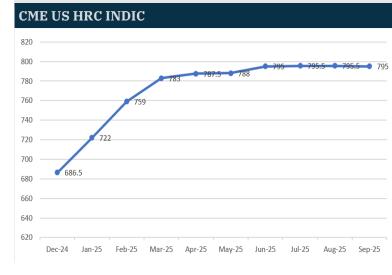
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US HRC

The US HRC futures market remained light with *Mar25* traded at **\$785** in 1kt, *Feb25* at **\$760** in **500t**, as well as the *Jan25-Feb25* spread printed at **-\$37** in 1ktpm (725 vs. 762), signaling eased backwardation compared to -43 on 12/04.

According to the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), US mills shipped **6.99 million short tons (st)** of steel in October, a **1.4% decrease** m/m and a **4.9% drop** y/y. Year-to-date shipments through October totaled **72.3 million st**, declining **6% year-over-year**. SMU survey respondents highlighted soft bookings, limited business opportunities, and weak construction activity as key challenges. However, some expressed cautious optimism for a demand recovery in early 2025, hoping for improved sentiment and market activity after January. Globally, investors are eyeing potential economic stimulus measures from China as policymakers prepare for the Central Economic Work Conference and upcoming Politburo discussions on 12/11. Any decisions from these meetings could impact global steel demand and trade flows, particularly if infrastructure investments or other growth-oriented policies are announced. However, for US markets, declining imports—typically seen as a buffer for domestic mills—may exacerbate supply constraints in the coming months, as noted by industry participants.



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CME Settlements-US HRC							
Period	CME Value	Prior Diff		Open Int	Chg		
Dec 24	689	689	0	7507	0		
Jan 25	721	725	-4	6662	-1		
Feb 25	760	765	-5	3474	+2		
Mar 25	785	783	+2	3667	+50		
Apr 25	787	785	+2	1927	+50		
May 25	792	790	+2	1498	0		
June 25	800	798	+2	2359	+56		
July 25	795	792	+3	684	+100		
Aug 25	790	781	+9	632	0		
Sep 25	790	781	+9	343	0		
Oct 25	790	781	+9	213	0		
Nov25	790	781	+9	159	0		

CME Block Trades - US HRC

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Mar25 US HRC @785 in 1kt Feb25 US HRC @760 in 500t Jan25 v Feb25 US HRC @-37 in 1ktpm (725 v 762)

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	337.5	0
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	560	-2.5
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	671	+3
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	484	-1
		Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-24	479	489	484	Dec-24	334	340	337
Jan-25	486	496	491	Jan-25	336	342	339
Feb-25	493	503	498	Feb-25	343	349	346
Mar-25	494	504	499	Mar-25	349	355	352
Apr-25	496	506	501	Apr-25	356	362	359
Q1-25	491	501	496	Q1-25	343	349	346

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Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-24	557	567	562	Jan-25	412	420	415
Jan-25	560	570	565	Feb-25	422	430	425
Feb-25	570	580	575	Mar-25	430	440	433
Mar-25	573	583	578	Apr-25	447	455	450
Apr-25	580	590	585	May-25	447	455	450
Q1-25	568	578	573	Q1-25	433	440	436

CME US HRC USD/short ton				CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Dec-24	680	690	687	Dec-24	550	560	555
Jan-25	715	725	722	Jan-25	565	575	570
Feb-25	755	765	759	Feb-25	585	595	588
Mar-25	780	790	783	Mar-25	605	615	610
Apr-25	785	795	788	Apr-25	645	655	650
Q1-25	750	760	755	Q1-25	585	595	589

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