

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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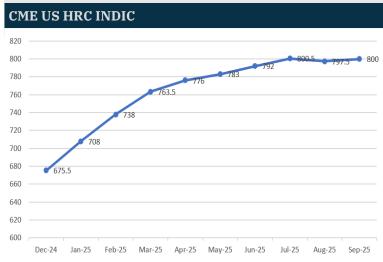
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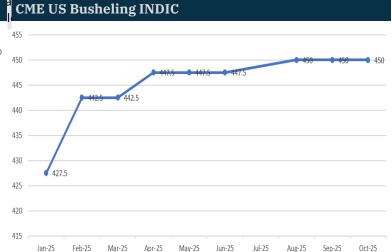
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US HRC

The US HRC futures market remained focused on front-month spreads and forward positioning today, reflecting ongoing weak demand fundamentals and ample inventories. *Jan25-Feb25* spread traded actively again at -\$25 totaling 4ktpm, unchanged from yesterday, underscoring near-term pricing pressure. *Feb25-Mar25* spread traded at -\$25 in 1ktpm. Outright trades for *Jan25* printed at \$705 in smaller 500t, while forward positioning included *Q225* trading at \$785 in 300tpm and *Q325* at \$800 in 500tpm, indicating cautious optimism for mid-2025 recovery.

US raw steel production edged lower last week, according to AISI data. Output totaled **1,651,000 st**, down **1.0% week-on-week** and **3.2% lower year-on-year**, marking a return to softness after hitting an **11**-week high in early December. Year-to-date production stands at **83.8 million st**, down **2.3%** compared to the same period in 2023, with capability utilization at **75.7%**. Flat-rolled steel inventories at US service centers remain seasonally high, despite a slight drawdown in November. Service centers held **61.4 shipping days of supply** at month-end, down from **63.4** in October but sharply higher than **54.0 days** in November 2023—marking the highest November level on record.





CME Settlements—US HRC					
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg
Dec 24	675	675	0	7052	-180
Jan 25	706	712	-6	6251	+61
Feb 25	735	740	-5	4681	+148
Mar 25	755	750	+5	3997	+5
Apr 25	777	772	+5	2037	0
May 25	785	787	-2	1537	0
June 25	794	799	-5	2922	0
July 25	805	807	-2	718	0
Aug 25	805	807	-2	672	0
Sep 25	807	807	0	356	0
Oct 25	807	807	0	214	0
Nov25	807	807	0	159	0

Feb25 v Mar25 US HRC @-25 in 1ktpm (737 v 762) Q225 US HRC @785 in 300tpm

Q325 US HRC @800 in 500tpm

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Jan 25 v Feb 25 US HRC @-25 in 1ktpm (710 v 735)

Jan25 v Feb25 US HRC @-25 in 1ktpm (710 v 735)

Jan25 US HRC @705 in 500t

Jan25 v Feb25 US HRC @-25 in 1ktpm (710 v 735)

Source: CME, FIS, Nucor, SMU Source: CME

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	352.5	-2
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	570	0
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	668	-3
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	476	-2
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Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt					
	Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
ı	Dec-24	476	486	481	
	Jan-25	482	492	487	
1	Feb-25	489	499	494	
ſ	Mar-25	492	502	497	
	Apr-25	495	505	500	
	Q1-25	488	498	493	

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Dec-24	345	351	348	
Jan-25	358	364	361	
Feb-25	358	364	361	
Mar-25	365	371	368	
Apr-25	365	371	368	
Q1-25	360	366	363	

LME REBAR FOB TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Dec-24	556	566	561	
Jan-25	571	581	576	
Feb-25	578	588	583	
Mar-25	583	593	588	
Apr-25	587	597	592	
Q1-25	577	587	582	

CME US BUSHELING				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Jan-25	425	435	428	
Feb-25	440	450	443	
Mar-25	440	450	443	
Apr-25	445	455	448	
May-25	445	455	448	
Q1-25	441	450	444	

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Dec-24	670	680	676	
Jan-25	705	715	708	
Feb-25	735	745	738	
Mar-25	760	770	764	
Apr-25	770	780	776	
Q1-25	730	740	737	

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Dec-24	550	560	556	
Jan-25	560	570	567	
Feb-25	585	595	590	
Mar-25	610	620	613	
Apr-25	645	655	650	
Q1-25	585	595	590	

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