

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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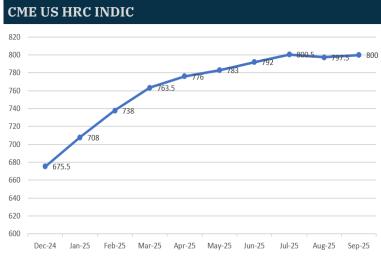
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US HRC

The US HRC futures market saw a boost in sentiment today as CRU surged \$24 to \$692, signaling renewed optimism amid broader economic developments. *Jan25-Feb25* spread traded steadily at -\$23 to -\$26, totaling 1.5ktpm. *Feb25* printed at \$740 in 1kt and \$750 in 1kt, while *Jun25* saw significant activity again at \$790 in a 6kt block. Forward interest included *Q225* trading at \$790 in 1.5ktpm, \$786 in 500tpm and *Q325* at \$800 in 300tpm, highlighting a moderate contango as participants position for potential demand recovery later in 2025.

The Federal Reserve announced a **25-basis point rate cut**, reducing the target range to **4.25%-4.50%**—its third cut since September. While the Fed signaled a pause in further reductions due to inflation concerns, the updated economic forecasts revealed expectations for stronger growth and marginally higher inflation in 2025, with just two rate cuts anticipated next year instead of the previously forecasted three. This shift supports a cautiously optimistic outlook for industrial activity. Lower borrowing costs are expected to stimulate capital expenditures, potentially benefiting steel demand as infrastructure projects gain momentum and construction activity picks up through the year. While Q1 2025 demand is expected to remain flat, infrastructure spending and improving interest rate conditions could support a gradual recovery as the year progresses.



CME Settlements—US HRC						
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
Dec 24	680	675	+5	7052	0	
Jan 25	717	706	+11	6147	-104	
Feb 25	740	735	+5	4717	+36	
Mar 25	771	755	+16	3995	-2	
Apr 25	790	777	+13	2052	+15	
May 25	790	785	+5	1589	+52	
June 25	790	794	+4	2924	+2	
July 25	805	805	0	748	+30	
Aug 25	805	805	0	702	+30	
Sep 25	810	805	+5	387	+31	
Oct 25	812	807	+5	214	0	
Nov25	812	807	+5	159	0	

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415	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Q225 US HRC @786 in 500tpm
Q325 US HRC @800 in 300tpm
Jan25 v Feb25 US HRC @-23 in 500tpm (717 v 740)
Jul25 v Sep25 US HRC @-5 in 260tpm (805 v 810)
Jul25 v Aug25 US HRC @flat in 300tpm (805)
Feb25 US HRC @740 in 500t
Feb25 US HRC @790 in 500tpm
Q225 US HRC @790 in 1ktpm
Jan25 v Feb25 US HRC @-26 in 1.1ktpm (720 v 746)
Jun25 US HRC @790 in 6kt
Feb25 US HRC @750 in 1kt

Source: CME, FIS, Nucor, SMU

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	350.5	-2
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	569	-1
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	692	+24
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	474	-2
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Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
•	473	483	478			
Jan-25	477	487	482			
Feb-25	478	488	483			
Mar-25	484	494	489			
Apr-25	492	502	497			
Q1-25	479	489	484			

LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
	341	347	344			
Jan-25	355	361	358			
Feb-25	357	363	360			
Mar-25	360	366	363			
Apr-25	361	367	364			
Q1-25	357	363	360			

LME REBAR FOB TK						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Dec-24	562	572	567			
Jan-25	575	585	580			
Feb-25	579	589	584			
Mar-25	581	591	586			
Apr-25	589	599	594			
Q1-25	578	588	583			

CME US BUSHELING						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Jan-25	415	425	418			
Feb-25	422	430	425			
Mar-25	447	455	450			
Apr-25	452	460	455			
May-25	452	460	455			
Q1-25	440	450	443			

CME US HRC USD/short ton						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Dec-24	675	685	681			
Jan-25	710	720	715			
Feb-25	735	745	741			
Mar-25	760	770	766			
Apr-25	785	795	790			
Q1-25	735	745	741			

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Dec-24	550	560	556			
Jan-25	585	595	589			
Feb-25	590	600	596			
Mar-25	615	625	620			
Apr-25	625	635	628			
Q1-25	595	605	601			

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