

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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US HRC

US HRC futures market saw moderate activity today, with trades focusing on 1H25. Q225 traded at \$792 in 2ktpm, while Feb25/Q225 traded at -70 in 3kt/1ktpm, and *Mar25/Q225* trading at -\$25 in 3kt. Outright trades included *Jan25* at \$705 in 2.5kt total, *Feb25* at \$730 in 1kt, and *Mar25* at \$765 for 1.3kt. In options, the *Q2 2025 HRO 850c* traded at \$28 in 2ktpm amid ongoing uncertainty about market direction.

Market participants on the sheet side anticipate price increases in 2025, driven by the coated trade petition and potential tariffs under President-elect Trump. However, buyers remain cautious, hesitant to restock aggressively given uncertainty around the timing and scope of these tariffs. Concerns over increasing domestic capacity and modest demand are also contributing to buyer restraint. Spot market activity has been thin, typical for the post-holiday period, but contract pricing has amplified the slowdown. Many January contracts are priced at discounts to December levels, and most SMU survey respondents reported spot prices in the mid-\$600s to low \$700s, compared to official mill targets of \$750 from Nucor and \$800 from Cleveland-Cliffs. Contract tons, by contrast, have been widely available in the low \$600s, attracting buyers to lock in lower-cost material. Flat-rolled steel prices are widely expected to move higher in 2025, but market participants remain uncertain about the timing of this inflection point.



Jan-25	Feb-25 Mar-25	Apr-25 May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25 Aug-25	Sep-25 Oct-25		
CME Settlements—US HRC							
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg		
Jan 25	702	710	-8	5251	+5		
Feb 25	730	743	-13	5619	0		
Mar 25	770	775	-5	4409	+53		
Apr 25	791	792	-1	2170	+38		
May 25	792	795	-3	1984	+25		
June 25	792	795	-3	3748	+410		
July 25	790	798	-8	1346	+25		
Aug 25	796	798	-2	848	+25		
Sep 25	796	798	-2	511	+25		
Oct 25	796	798	-2	321	+25		
Nov25	796	798	-2	255	+40		
Dec25	796	798	-2	255	+50		
Oct 25 Nov25	796 796	798 798	-2	321 255	+25 +40		

CME	EUR	O HR	C INI	OIC						
660										
640							64	5		
620			615	61	62 <u>9</u>	620	0	620	620	6
600										
580	574	58i	6.5							
560										
540										

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Q225 US HRC @792 in 1ktpm
Q225 US HRC @792 in 500tpm
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Mar25 v Q225 US HRC @-25 in 3kt/1ktpm (770 v 795)
Jan25 US HRC @705 in 500t
Jan25 US HRC @705 in 1kt
Jan25 US HRC @705 in 1kt
Feb25 US HRC @730 in 500t
Feb25 US HRC @730 in 500t
Feb25 V Q225 US HRC @-70 in 3kt/1ktpm (730 v 800)
Mar25 US HRC @765 in 800t
Q2+Q325 US HRC @796 in 300tpm

Source: CME, FIS,

Nucor, SMU

Source: CME

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	343	-2
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	560	0
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	687	-7
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	461	-3
		Carriage FIC Niveau Cliff

Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Jan-25	451	461	456			
Feb-25	453	463	458			
Mar-25	460	470	465			
Apr-25	463	473	468			
May-25	466	476	471			
Q1-25	455	465	460			

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Jan-25	340	346	343			
Feb-25	341	347	344			
Mar-25	343	349	346			
Apr-25	347	353	350			
May-25	350	356	353			
Q1-25	341	347	344			
May-25	350	356	353			

LME REBAR FOB TK						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Jan-25	555	565	560			
Feb-25	560	570	565			
Mar-25	567	577	572			
Apr-25	572	582	577			
May-25	580	590	585			
Q1-25	561	571	566			

CME US BUSHELING						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Jan-25	417	425	420			
Feb-25	422	430	425			
Mar-25	447	455	450			
Apr-25	432	440	435			
May-25	452	460	455			
Q1-25	429	435	432			

CME US HRC USD/short ton						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Jan-25	700	710	704			
Feb-25	730	740	733			
Mar-25	765	775	771			
Apr-25	785	795	789			
May-25	785	795	789			
Q1-25	730	740	736			

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton						
Period	Bid	Ask	Value			
Jan-25	570	580	575			
Feb-25	580	590	587			
Mar-25	610	620	615			
Apr-25	615	625	619			
May-25	625	635	629			
Q1-25	585	595	592			

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