

## STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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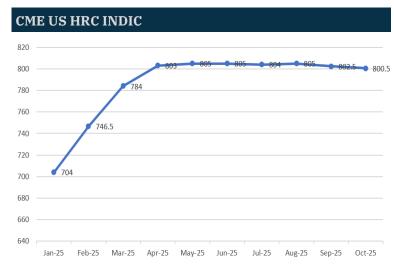
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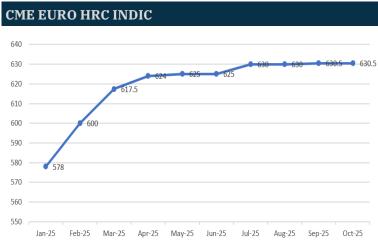
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## **US HRC**

US HRC futures market remained active today, reflecting a mix of near-term price pressure and forward stability. In prompt activity, *Feb25* traded at \$740-745 across 2.28kt, while the *Feb25-Mar25* spread remained under pressure, printing at -\$34 in 2ktpm, displaying a deep contango. *Mar25* ranged from \$783 to \$785, totaling over 5kt, with notable liquidity at \$780 in 1.5kt. Forward positioning included *Sep25* at \$810 in 1kt, signaling confidence in mid-to-late 2025 pricing stability.

Domestic raw steel production increased slightly last week, totaling **1,659,000** net tons with a capability utilization rate of **74.5%**, up **1.5%** week-over-week and **1.8%** year-over-year, according to AISI data. Year-to-date production through January 11, 2025, reached **2,593,000** net tons, representing a **1.3%** increase from the same period in 2024. Speculation around Cleveland-Cliffs and Nucor joining forces to acquire U.S. Steel continues to dominate industry discussions. According to CNBC, Cliffs would acquire U.S. Steel in a cash deal, with Nucor subsequently purchasing Big River Steel. The deal, reportedly valued in the high **\$30s** per share, contrasts sharply with Nippon Steel's blocked **\$55-per-share** bid. The transaction would keep U.S. Steel's headquarters in Pittsburgh and represents a significant strategic realignment in the U.S. steel sector.





| CME Settlements—US HRC |              |       |      |             |      |
|------------------------|--------------|-------|------|-------------|------|
| Period                 | CME<br>Value | Prior | Diff | Open<br>Int | Chg  |
| Jan 25                 | 707          | 705   | +2   | 5192        | +1   |
| Feb 25                 | 749          | 739   | +10  | 5547        | -205 |
| Mar 25                 | 785          | 780   | +5   | 4586        | +143 |
| Apr 25                 | 799          | 804   | -5   | 2269        | -7   |
| May 25                 | 806          | 806   | 0    | 1974        | -8   |
| June 25                | 806          | 806   | 0    | 3674        | -55  |
| July 25                | 807          | 806   | +1   | 1356        | 0    |
| Aug 25                 | 803          | 802   | +1   | 889         | +25  |
| Sep 25                 | 803          | 802   | +1   | 532         | +25  |
| Oct 25                 | 805          | 804   | +1   | 411         | +75  |
| Nov25                  | 805          | 804   | +1   | 315         | +60  |
| Dec25                  | 805          | 804   | +1   | 305         | +50  |

| Sep25 US HRC @810 in 500t                      |
|--|
| Mar25 US HRC @785 in 1kt                       |
| Mar25 US HRC @783 in 500t                      |
| Mar25 US HRC @783 in 1kt                       |
| Feb25 v Mar25 US HRC @-34 in 2ktpm (745 v 779) |
| Mar25 US HRC @783 in 1kt                       |
| Feb25 US HRC @742 in 780t                      |
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Feb25 US HRC @745 in 1kt Mar25 US HRC @780 in 1.5kt Feb25 US HRC @740 in 1.5kt

**CME Block Trades - US HRC** 

Sep25 US HRC @810 in 500t

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

| Indices                              | Price | Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR) | 337   | -4     |
| Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)            | 555   | 0      |
| CRU HRC (\$/mt)                      | 687   | -7     |
| Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)                | 750   | 0      |
| Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)          | 750   | 0      |
| Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)          | 449   | +1     |

Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

| LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt |     |     |       |  |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|
| Period                           | Bid | Ask | Value |  |
| Jan-25                           | 462 | 472 | 467   |  |
| Feb-25                           | 468 | 478 | 473   |  |
| Mar-25                           | 475 | 485 | 480   |  |
| Apr-25                           | 475 | 485 | 480   |  |
| May-25                           | 479 | 489 | 484   |  |
| Q1-25                            | 468 | 478 | 473   |  |

| LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK |  |   |  |  |
|----------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Bid                  | Ask                                    | Value   |  |  |
| 338                  | 344                                    | 341   |  |  |
| 343                  | 349                                    | 346   |  |  |
| 348                  | 354                                    | 351   |  |  |
| 354                  | 360                                    | 357   |  |  |
| 354                  | 360                                    | 357   |  |  |
| 343                  | 349                                    | 346   |  |  |
|                      | Bid<br>338<br>343<br>348<br>354<br>354 | Bid Ask   338 344   343 349   348 354   354 360   354 360 |  |  |

| LME REBAR FOB TK |     |     |       |  |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|
| Period           | Bid | Ask | Value |  |
| Jan-25           | 553 | 563 | 558   |  |
| Feb-25           | 560 | 570 | 565   |  |
| Mar-25           | 563 | 573 | 568   |  |
| Apr-25           | 570 | 580 | 575   |  |
| May-25           | 576 | 586 | 581   |  |
| Q1-25            | 558 | 568 | 563   |  |

| CME US BUSHELING |     |     |       |  |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|
| Period           | Bid | Ask | Value |  |
| Jan-25           | 432 | 440 | 435   |  |
| Feb-25           | 432 | 440 | 435   |  |
| Mar-25           | 437 | 445 | 440   |  |
| Apr-25           | 437 | 445 | 440   |  |
| May-25           | 442 | 450 | 445   |  |
| Q1-25            | 434 | 440 | 437   |  |

| CME US HRC USD/short ton |     |     |       |  |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|
| Period                   | Bid | Ask | Value |  |
| Jan-25                   | 700 | 710 | 704   |  |
| Feb-25                   | 740 | 750 | 747   |  |
| Mar-25                   | 780 | 790 | 784   |  |
| Apr-25                   | 800 | 810 | 803   |  |
| May-25                   | 800 | 810 | 805   |  |
| Q1-25                    | 740 | 750 | 745   |  |

| CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton |     |     |       |  |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-------|--|
| Period                     | Bid | Ask | Value |  |
| Jan-25                     | 575 | 585 | 578   |  |
| Feb-25                     | 595 | 605 | 600   |  |
| Mar-25                     | 615 | 625 | 618   |  |
| Apr-25                     | 620 | 630 | 624   |  |
| May-25                     | 620 | 630 | 625   |  |
| Q1-25                      | 595 | 605 | 599   |  |

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