

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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US HRC

US HRC futures market exhibited consistent trading activity today, reflecting a mix of short-term positioning and forward hedging. *Jan25-Feb25* printed at \$718 in two 500tpm clips, while outright *Feb25* trading ranged from \$740 to \$744, totaling over 4kt and *Mar25* trading at \$780 in 1kt. *Feb25-Mar25* spread traded at -\$39 in 1.04ktpm (745 vs. 784), widened from -\$34 traded on Monday. *Jun25* gained liquidity again, traded at \$805-810 in a total of 2kt, reflecting confidence in mid-year pricing stability despite broader market headwinds.

According to SMU, flat-rolled steel inventories at US service centers surged in December, reaching **77.1** shipping days of supply, a significant increase from **61.4** days in November and the highest level since April 2020. The December daily shipping rate declined **6.9% year-over-year**, with 50% of service centers reporting lower releases to customers than a year ago, while 41% indicated stable volumes. This elevated inventory level reflects both seasonal shipment slowdowns and a cautious demand environment, as service centers adjust to softening purchasing activity and rising flat-rolled stock levels. Johann Schmid of Wood Mackenzie highlighted the transition to EAF is reshaping the dynamics of the steel value chain, particularly in raw materials and scrap markets, in addition to mid- and downstream players are increasingly exposed to fluctuations in raw material, energy, and fuel costs. These shifts underline the importance of strategic adaptation across the supply chain to navigate emerging challenges and capitalize on new opportunities.

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640 -	645
620 -	618.5
600 -	606
580 -	577
560 -	
540 -	Jan-25 Feb-25 Mar-25 Apr-25 May-25 Jun-25 Jul-25 Aug-25 Sep-25 Oct-25

MF Block Trades

CME Settlements—US HRC						
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
Jan 25	696	699	-3	5171	-17	
Feb 25	743	740	+4	5600	+133	
Mar 25	783	779	+4	4856	+59	
Apr 25	805	800	+5	2373	+20	
May 25	807	800	+7	2006	-20	
June 25	808	800	+8	3674	0	
July 25	807	807	0	1210	-146	
Aug 25	803	803	0	889	0	
Sep 25	807	807	0	560	+2	
Oct 25	805	805	0	411	0	
Nov25	811	811	0	315	0	
Dec25	811	811	0	305	0	

CME Block Trades - US HRC
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Jan25-Feb25 US HRC @718 in 500tpm
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Feb25 US HRC @740 in 1kt
Feb25 v Apr25 @-50 in 800tpm (750 v 800)
Jun25 US HRC @810 in 500t
Feb25 US HRC @743 in 500t
Feb25 US HRC @744 in 1kt
Feb25 v Mar25 US HRC @-39 in 1.04ktpm (745 v 784)
Feb25 US HRC @744 in 1kt
Feb25 US HRC @744 in 1kt
Jun25 US HRC @805 in 500t
Jun25 US HRC @805 in 1.5kt
Mar25 US HRC @780 in 1kt
Mill Spread
2H25 US HRC v BCH @370 in 500tpm (805 v 435)

Source: CME, FIS,

Nucor, SMU

Price	Change
332.75	-2.25
552.5	0
687	0
750	0
750	0
458	+3
	332.75 552.5 687 750 750

Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Jan-25	460	470	465	
Feb-25	473	483	478	
Mar-25	480	490	485	
Apr-25	481	491	486	
May-25	483	493	488	
Q1-25	471	481	476	

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Jan-25	337	343	340		
Feb-25	342	348	345		
Mar-25	348	354	351		
Apr-25	353	359	356		
May-25	352	358	355		
Q1-25	342	348	345		

LME REBAR FOB TK					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Jan-25	554	564	559		
Feb-25	562	572	567		
Mar-25	567	577	572		
Apr-25	571	581	576		
May-25	576	586	581		
Q1-25	561	571	566		

CME US BUSHELING					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Jan-25	427	435	430		
Feb-25	432	440	435		
Mar-25	440	450	443		
Apr-25	442	450	445		
May-25	442	450	445		
Q1-25	433	440	436		

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Jan-25	690	700	696	
Feb-25	735	745	738	
Mar-25	775	785	778	
Apr-25	795	805	799	
May-25	800	810	803	
Q1-25	730	740	737	

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Jan-25	570	580	577	
Feb-25	600	610	606	
Mar-25	615	625	619	
Apr-25	625	635	631	
May-25	615	625	620	
Q1-25	595	605	601	

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