

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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US HRC

Jan-25

Feb-25

Mar-25

US HRC futures market remained active today, reflecting moderate contango in forward contracts. Feb25 traded at \$725 across 820t, while Feb25-Mar25 spread tightened slightly, printing at -\$25 and -\$26 in over 1.4ktpm. Mar25 firmed at \$751-755 across 1.6kt, indicating improving sentiment for Q1. May-Jun25 strip traded flat at \$795 in 500tpm, while Q2+Q325 saw consistent activity at \$797 in 500tpm, suggesting confidence in mid-to-late 2025 pricing stability.

CRU yesterday fell by \$7 to \$680, reflecting ongoing weakness in physical spot markets as mills continue to offer discounts amid high inventories and short lead times. SMU's HRC benchmark remains at \$685, while Platts increased its print to \$700. Despite the slight uptick in Platts, market momentum remains muted, with buyers cautious due to elevated inventories and looming trade uncertainties. Nucor's consumer spot price for HRC remains unchanged at \$750, holding steady for the 11th consecutive week, while Cleveland-Cliffs maintains its premium at \$800. Steel Dynamics Inc. (SDI) reported a challenging Q4 2024, with net income down 51% YoY due to lower steel prices, import competition, and ongoing losses at its Sinton sheet mill. Despite these challenges, SDI remains optimistic about 2025, citing expectations of stronger demand, profitability at Sinton, and potential reductions in imports due to trade actions. While flat-rolled steel prices have stabilized, the market remains cautious as buyers manage elevated inventories and await clarity on trade policies.

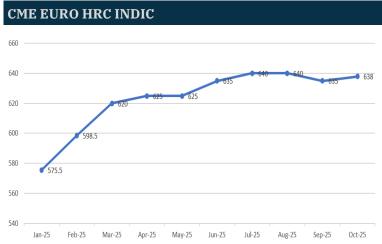
Oct-25

CME US HRC INDIC 800 700 600 Sep-25

May-25

Jun-25

Jul-25



CME Settlements—US HRC					
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg
Jan 25	688	688	0	5233	-15
Feb 25	728	719	+9	5105	-59
Mar 25	751	750	+1	5772	+117
Apr 25	785	780	+5	2247	-150
May 25	798	795	+3	2031	+40
June 25	803	800	+3	3730	-7
July 25	807	805	+2	1241	0
Aug 25	805	801	+4	914	0
Sep 25	812	805	+7	610	0
Oct 25	811	803	+8	461	0
Nov25	817	809	+8	365	0
Dec25	810	808	+2	330	0

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Mar25 US HRC @751 in 500t Feb25 v Mar25 US HRC @-26 in 500tpm (723 v 749) Mar25 US HRC @751 in 500t Feb25 v Mar25 US HRC @-25 in 900tpm (724 v 749) As a strip: (Feb25 US HRC @725 in 320t Mar25 US HRC @755 in 600t) Feb25 US HRC @725 in 500t May-Jun25 US HRC @795 in 500tpm May25 US HRC @795 in 500t Apr25 US HRC @785 in 500t Q225+Q325 US HRC @797 in 200tpm Q225+Q325 US HRC @797 in 300tpm

Source: CME, FIS,

Nucor, SMU

Source: CME

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	340	0
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	552.5	0
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	680	-7
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	750	0
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	466	-2
		Source: EIS Nucer Cliff

Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Jan-25	462	472	467		
Feb-25	475	485	480		
Mar-25	482	492	487		
Apr-25	484	494	489		
May-25	485	495	490		
Q1-25	473	483	478		

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Jan-25	339	345	342	
Feb-25	348	354	351	
Mar-25	351	357	354	
Apr-25	359	365	362	
May-25	359	365	362	
Q1-25	346	352	349	

LME REBAR FOB TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Jan-25	553	563	558	
Feb-25	559	569	564	
Mar-25	564	574	569	
Apr-25	568	578	573	
May-25	575	585	580	
Q1-25	559	569	564	

CME US BUSHELING					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Jan-25	422	430	425		
Feb-25	447	455	450		
Mar-25	440	450	443		
Apr-25	432	440	435		
May-25	452	460	455		
Q1-25	436	445	439		

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Jan-25	685	695	689	
Feb-25	720	730	725	
Mar-25	750	760	753	
Apr-25	780	790	785	
May-25	800	810	803	
Q1-25	715	725	722	

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Jan-25	570	580	576	
Feb-25	595	605	599	
Mar-25	615	625	620	
Apr-25	620	630	625	
May-25	620	630	625	
Q1-25	595	605	598	

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