

## STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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## **US HRC**

Feb-25

Mar-25

US HRC futures displayed firm trading activity today, with notable volume concentrated in mid-2025 contracts. July 2025 traded at \$907 in total of 5.5kt, while May 2025 saw transactions at \$945 in 2.5kt and \$950 in 500t. Q325 saw movement at \$900 in 1ktpm, and Q225 at \$940 and \$945 in 2.5ktpm. Spot physical prices have surged since mid-January, with Platts now at \$820, SMU at \$815, CRU at \$799, and mill offers rising accordingly. Nucor's spot price has climbed to \$820, while Cleveland-Cliffs remains officially at \$800 but has reportedly sold out its March order book. The market is now waiting for CLF's April price announcement, likely timed with their earnings release on February 24.

Mills' flexibility on spot pricing has sharply declined, reaching levels not seen in nearly two years. SMU's latest survey data shows negotiation rates for all steel products have dropped significantly, with hot-rolled coil buyers reporting just 21% of mills willing to discuss discounts. This marks a steep 35-percentage-point decline from early February and the lowest negotiation rate since March 2022, when the Russian invasion of Ukraine was just beginning to disrupt global steel markets. Higher prices, combined with policy developments such as the recent tariff actions by the Trump administration, have contributed to this tightening market dynamic. Mills are holding firm on offers as futures reflect continued strength, particularly into the second half of 2025.

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Jun-25

Sep-25

Aug-25

Oct-25

Nov-25

May-25

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CME Settlements—US HRC						
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
Feb 25	779	777	+2	4388	0	
Mar 25	899	890	+9	5911	-131	
Apr 25	945	934	+11	5051	-95	
May 25	940	934	+6	6412	+1300	
June 25	929	917	+12	7881	+237	
July 25	907	901	+6	4048	+228	
Aug 25	898	891	+7	1371	+87	
Sep 25	890	886	+4	958	+56	
Oct 25	884	880	+4	931	0	
Nov25	880	880	0	833	0	
Dec25	880	880	0	978	0	
Jan26	880	880	0	138	+80	

CME Block Trades - US HRC
Jul25 US HRC @907 in 1kt
Jul25 US HRC @907 in 500t
May25 US HRC @950 in 500t
Q325 US HRC @900 in 1ktpm
Jul25 US HRC @907 in 1kt
Jul25 US HRC @907 in 3kt
Q225 US HRC @945 in 500tpm
Mar25 US HRC @900 in 2kt
May25 US HRC @945 in 1kt
Apr25 US HRC @952 in 620t
May25 US HRC @945 in 1.5kt
Jun25 US HRC @935 in 500t
Q225 US HRC @940 in 2ktpm
Mar25 v May25 US HRC @-35 in 1.5ktpm (900 v 935)

Source: CME, FIS,

Nucor, SMU

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	358	-0.75
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	562.5	0
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	799	+47
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	790	+15
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	800	0
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	464	+1
		Carrage FIG. No. and Cliff

Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Feb-25	462	472	467	
Mar-25	470	480	475	
Apr-25	472	482	477	
May-25	479	489	484	
Jun-25	479	489	484	
Q2-25	476	486	481	

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Feb-25	356	362	359		
Mar-25	365	371	368		
Apr-25	367	373	370		
May-25	369	375	372		
Jun-25	368	374	371		
Q2-25	368	374	371		

LME REBAR FOB TK					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Feb-25	563	573	568		
Mar-25	568	578	573		
Apr-25	574	584	579		
May-25	578	588	583		
Jun-25	580	590	585		
Q2-25	577	587	582		

CME US BUSHELING					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Feb-25	492	500	495		
Mar-25	511	520	514		
Apr-25	502	510	505		
May-25	505	515	508		
Jun-25	452	460	455		
Q2-25	486	495	489		

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Feb-25	775	785	779	
Mar-25	895	905	899	
Apr-25	945	955	948	
May-25	935	945	942	
Jun-25	920	930	926	
Q2-25	935	945	939	

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Feb-25	600	610	606	
Mar-25	635	645	639	
Apr-25	655	665	660	
May-25	645	655	652	
Jun-25	685	695	690	
Q2-25	660	670	667	

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