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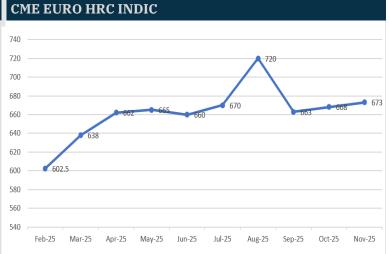
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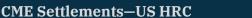
US HRC

US HRC futures displayed strong momentum today, with prices holding firm across the curve as buyers positioned ahead of ongoing market uncertainty. Apr25 led liquidity, trading at \$947 in 540t and \$940 in 2kt, following earlier transactions at \$947. May25 traded at \$930 in 1kt, while Q225 printed at \$925 in 1ktpm. Jul25 was softer, trading at \$888 in 1.7kt, while Q325 traded between \$878 in 1ktpm. On the back, Q425+Q126 print at \$865 in 260tpm, suggesting slight softness further down the curve.

Domestic steel prices have now surged past \$900/t, approaching levels not seen since early 2024. The looming 25% tariff on imported steel, set to take effect in two weeks, has fueled this rally, as mills capitalize on uncertainty to push offers higher. Analysts note that prices have climbed beyond what the tariff alone would have justified, as buyers rush to secure material amid supply concerns. US prices are now nearly on par with imports, dampening some of the tariff's intended protective effects. Meanwhile, steel shipments into the US remain elevated, with cargoes arriving from Egypt, Algeria, Malaysia, Brazil, and Vietnam. Despite this influx, demand remains tepid due to high borrowing costs weighing on construction and manufacturing activity. Some Canadian and Mexican steelmakers have stopped accepting new orders, as trade uncertainty puts pressure on their order books. Open interest in Midwest HRC futures has surged to 811,000 tons following the February contract expiration, the highest level since January 2022.







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Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg
Mar 25	912	905	+7	5382	0
Apr 25	940	936	+4	6127	+34
May 25	930	925	+5	7149	+734
June 25	912	912	0	8595	+134
July 25	888	885	+3	4336	+16
Aug 25	870	875	-5	1403	+5
Sep 25	867	874	-7	968	0
Oct 25	865	865	0	944	+5
Nov25	862	865	-3	854	+10
Dec25	860	855	+5	1013	0
Jan26	855	860	-5	138	0
Feb26	855	860	-5	109	0

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Q225 US HRC @925 in 240tpm Q225 US HRC @925 in 260tpm Apr25 US HRC @942 in 860t Jun25 US HRC @905 in 500t Apr25 US HRC @940 in 500t Apr25 US HRC @940 in 1.5kt Q225 US HRC @925 in 500tpm May25 US HRC @930 in 1kt Jul25 US HRC @888 in 700t Jul25 US HRC @888 in 1kt Q325 US HRC @878 in 1ktpm Apr25 US HRC @947 in 540t Q425+Q126 US HRC @865 in 260tpm Jun25 US HRC @910 in 500t As a strip: Mar25 US HRC @916 in 380t Apr-May25 US HRC @916 in 80t

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	364	0
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	561	+1
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	838	+39
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	860	+40
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	900	+100
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	464	+2
		Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt			LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Feb-25	458	468	463	Feb-25	353	359	356
Mar-25	462	472	467	Mar-25	363	369	366
Apr-25	472	482	477	Apr-25	365	371	368
May-25	475	485	480	May-25	368	374	371
Jun-25	476	486	481	Jun-25	371	377	374
Q2-25	474	484	479	Q2-25	368	374	371

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Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Feb-25	564	574	569	Feb-25	492	500	495	
Mar-25	569	579	574	Mar-25	522	530	525	
Apr-25	574	584	579	Apr-25	522	530	525	
May-25	579	589	584	May-25	522	530	525	
Jun-25	580	590	585	Jun-25	487	495	490	
Q2-25	578	588	583	Q2-25	510	520	513	

CME US HRC USD/short ton				CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Mar-25	905	915	911	Feb-25	600	610	603
Apr-25	935	945	940	Mar-25	635	645	638
May-25	925	935	928	Apr-25	655	665	662
Jun-25	905	915	908	May-25	660	670	665
Jul-25	880	890	885	Jun-25	655	665	660
Q2-25	900	910	907	Q2-25	655	665	662

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