

# STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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### **US HRC**

US HRC futures displayed muted activity today, with steady support in the front, while deferred pricing remained weak. Apr25 traded at \$945 in 500t, maintaining firm pricing momentum, while the Apr25 vs. Jun25 spread traded at +\$65 in 500tpm. Further down the curve, Oct25 traded at \$840 in 1kt, reflecting softness on the back end.

Nucor has announced yet another increase in its Consumer Spot Price (CSP) for HRC, marking its eighth consecutive price hike since the start of 2025 to \$930/st across all mills. This aggressive pricing trajectory reflects Nucor's response to rising raw material costs, trade policy shifts, and strong domestic demand, further reinforcing the upward pressure on U.S. steel prices. Trade policy remains a key factor influencing market sentiment. President Donald Trump reaffirmed that there will be no exemptions for Section 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum, which took effect on March 12. Additionally, reciprocal and sectoral tariffs are set to begin on April 2, further tightening trade restrictions. With no relief expected, the tariff measures continue to provide domestic mills with greater pricing power while limiting the competitiveness of imports. Despite elevated steel prices, back-end futures remain soft, suggesting some uncertainty over demand sustainability later in the year. However, with mills successfully implementing repeated price hikes and market participants facing limited alternative supply options, the near-term outlook remains constructive.

## **CME US HRC INDIC** 940 920 880 876.5 860 840 820 780 760 Oct-25 Dec-25

#### **CME EURO HRC INDIC** 680 670 657.5 650 640 629.5 630 620 610 600 590 Mar-25 Apr-25 May-25 Jun-25 Jul-25 Aug-25 Sep-25 Oct-25

CME Settlements—US HRC						
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
Mar 25	940	939	+1	6063	+14	
Apr 25	942	941	+1	6294	-57	

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Mar 25	940	939	+1	6063	+14
Apr 25	942	941	+1	6294	-57
May 25	923	921	+2	7697	+90
June 25	876	870	+6	9097	+28
July 25	862	865	-3	4629	0
Aug 25	853	856	-3	1732	-25
Sep 25	853	856	-3	1480	0
Oct 25	840	841	-1	1368	0
Nov25	840	846	-6	1098	0
Dec25	848	850	-2	1075	-100
Jan26	852	841	-11	279	+2
Feb26	835	841	-6	231	+4

### **CME Block Trades - US HRC**

Apr25 v Jun25 US HRC @+65 in 500tpm (942 v 877)

Apr25 US HRC @945 in 500t

Oct25 US HRC @840 in 1kt

Source: CME, FIS, Nucor, SMU

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Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	380.25	+0.25
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	575	+5
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	949	+43
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	930	+15
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	900	+100
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	465	+2
		Source: FIS. Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Mar-25	458	468	463		
Apr-25	464	474	469		
May-25	469	479	474		
Jun-25	475	485	480		
Jul-25	477	487	482		
Q2-25	469	479	474		

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Mar-25	372	378	375		
Apr-25	378	384	381		
May-25	379	385	382		
Jun-25	378	384	381		
Jul-25	381	387	384		
Q2-25	378	384	381		

LME REBAR FOB TK					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Mar-25	569	579	574		
Apr-25	578	588	583		
May-25	582	592	587		
Jun-25	584	594	589		
Jul-25	586	596	591		
Q2-25	581	591	586		

CME US BUSHELING					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Mar-25	500	510	503		
Apr-25	495	505	498		
May-25	495	505	498		
Jun-25	490	500	493		
Jul-25	485	495	488		
Q2-25	493	500	496		

CME US HRC USD/short ton					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Mar-25	935	945	941		
Apr-25	935	945	940		
May-25	920	930	925		
Jun-25	870	880	877		
Jul-25	855	865	859		
Q2-25	910	920	914		

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Mar-25	615	625	620		
Apr-25	620	630	625		
May-25	625	635	630		
Jun-25	630	640	635		
Jul-25	635	645	640		
Q2-25	625	635	630		

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