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US HRC

US HRC futures continued to show firm front-end strength today. Apr25 traded at \$920 in 1kt, while May25 saw mixed prints at \$892 and \$900 in a combined 1.5kt, pulling the Apr v May spreads to +23 to +27 across 4.34ktpm. Further along the curve, Jun25 traded at \$845 in 500t, showing continuous softness as the market begins to price in a possible cooling of demand. The overall curve remains in backwardation, with elevated front-end prices reflecting short-term tightness and longer-term uncertainty.

Nucor raised its hot-rolled coil Consumer Spot Price (CSP) again this week, but at a noticeably slower pace—up just \$5/t to \$935, marking a shift from the aggressive double-digit weekly hikes seen earlier this quarter. The moderation may signal that mills believe prices are nearing their near-term ceiling, or at least testing the upper end of what buyers are willing to pay in a market increasingly driven by supply-side constraints rather than robust end-user demand. SMU Survey responses from across the supply chain show a market struggling to find direction amid lingering tariff uncertainty, limited demand growth, and an uneven buying pace. While some see room for further gains in the next few weeks, others believe the current rally is losing momentum, with several comments pointing to stabilization or plateauing through April, followed by a potential pullback in May and June. Many acknowledge that tariffs have pulled demand forward, leading to stronger booking activity in recent months, but that underlying demand for finished goods remains subdued.

CME Settlements—US HRC					
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg
Mar 25	934	937	-3	6053	-1
Apr 25	920	919	+1	6102	-34
May 25	892	898	+6	7954	+57
June 25	850	852	-2	9209	+14
July 25	833	835	-2	4441	-12
Aug 25	833	835	-2	1743	+3
Sep 25	833	835	-2	1488	0
Oct 25	825	822	+3	1370	0
Nov25	820	821	-1	1111	+2
Dec25	821	821	0	1081	-3
Jan26	826	824	+2	290	+3
Feb26	830	825	+5	245	0

May25 US HRC @892 in 500t
Apr25 v May25 US HRC @+26 in 740tpm (920 v 894)
Apr25 v May25 US HRC @+23 in 600tpm (920 v 897)
Apr25 v May25 US HRC @+23 in 2ktpm (920 v 897)
Apr25 v May25 US HRC @+27 in 1ktpm (920 v 893)
Jun25 US HRC @845 in 500t
May25 US HRC @900 in 1kt
Apr25 US HRC @920 in 1kt

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Source: CME, FIS, Nucor, SMU Source: CME

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	382.5	+2
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	572.5	0
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	947	-2
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	935	+5
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	900	+100
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	459	-1
		Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Mar-25	457	467	462	
Apr-25	467	477	472	
May-25	471	481	476	
Jun-25	477	487	482	
Jul-25	486	496	491	
Q2-25	471	481	476	

	Source. Fis, Nacor, Cili			
LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Mar-25	372	378	375	
Apr-25	374	380	377	
May-25	368	374	371	
Jun-25	371	377	374	
Jul-25	374	380	377	
Q2-25	371	377	374	

LME REBAR FOB TK					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Mar-25	569	579	574		
Apr-25	577	587	582		
May-25	581	591	586		
Jun-25	583	593	588		
Jul-25	587	597	592		
Q2-25	580	590	585		

CME US BUSHELING				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Mar-25	491	500	494	
Apr-25	488	495	491	
May-25	484	490	487	
Jun-25	482	490	485	
Jul-25	480	490	483	
Q2-25	485	495	488	

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Mar-25	930	940	937	
Apr-25	905	915	910	
May-25	885	895	888	
Jun-25	840	850	847	
Jul-25	835	845	840	
Q2-25	875	885	882	

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Mar-25	620	630	626	
Apr-25	630	640	634	
May-25	630	640	635	
Jun-25	625	635	630	
Jul-25	635	645	638	
Q2-25	630	640	633	

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