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US HRC

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US HRC futures saw a slight uptick in the front month contracts, with participants showing increased activity across the front months and Q3 strip amid continued macro uncertainty. May25 traded \$828–\$835 in 1.54kt total, while Jun25 printed across \$780 to \$785 in 2kt. Q325 traded at \$785 and \$790 in 1ktpm total. A notable Jun25 v Q325 spread traded at -\$5 in 1.5ktpm, indicating mild contango through the summer.

Market tone remains cautious as sentiment continues to shift from tariff-driven pricing optimism to concerns over real demand conditions. A wide range of views from SMU's latest buyer poll revealed growing apprehension that U.S. HRC prices may have peaked, with several buyers now expecting moderate declines through the summer. While a few believe tariffs could lend support if strictly enforced, the majority see waning end-user demand and softening momentum, particularly as mills hold firm on pricing and lead times stretch. Inventory turn-over appears mixed; some report stable movement due to seasonality, while others highlight slower activity tied to tariff-driven uncertainty and front-loaded restocking. Notably, imports—though competitively priced even with duties—are seen as risky due to long lead times and policy unpredictability. Many buyers emphasize that "uncertainty" has become the dominant force in decision-making, with some drawing parallels to recessionary caution and noting reduced visibility into Q3 order books.



CME Settlements—US HRC Period **CME** Open Prior Diff Chg Value Apr 25 930 920 +10 6098 +150 May 25 829 825 +4 7675 +130 June 25 781 779 +2 9358 +248 780 July 25 779 +1 4632 +118 Aug 25 785 785 0 1812 +40 Sep 25 795 795 0 1581 -53 Oct 25 800 795 +5 1435 0 Nov25 805 800 1127 +5 -18

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CME Block Trades - US HRC

Jun25 US HRC @780 in 1kt
May25 US HRC @828 in 1kt
Q325 US HRC @785 in 500tpm
May25 US HRC @835 in 500t
Jun25 v Q325 US HRC @-5 in 1.5ktpm (785 v 790)
Jun25 US HRC @785 in 1kt
Q325 US HRC @790 in 500tpm
May25 US HRC @835 in 540t

Source: CME, FIS, Nucor, SMU

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Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	366	-9
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	560	0
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	944	-23
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	935	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	900	+100
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	455	-4
		Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	461	471	466	
May-25	446	456	451	
Jun-25	448	458	453	
Jul-25	451	461	456	
Aug-25	454	464	459	

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-25	361	367	364
May-25	350	356	353
Jun-25	348	354	351
Jul-25	352	358	355
Aug-25	352	358	355
Q2-25	353	359	356

LME REBAR FOB TK			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-25	556	566	561
May-25	554	564	559
Jun-25	555	565	560
Jul-25	558	568	563
Aug-25	562	572	567
Q2-25	555	565	560

CME US BUSHELIN	G		
Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-25	497	505	500
May-25	472	480	475
Jun-25	472	480	475
Jul-25	455	465	458
Aug-25	472	480	475
Q2-25	480	490	483

CME US HRC USD/short ton			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-25	920	930	926
May-25	825	835	830
Jun-25	775	785	781
Jul-25	770	780	776
Aug-25	785	795	789
Q2-25	840	850	845

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	635	645	640	
May-25	635	645	639	
Jun-25	625	635	630	
Jul-25	620	630	625	
Aug-25	625	635	632	
Q2-25	630	640	636	

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