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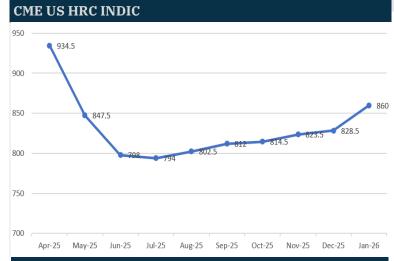
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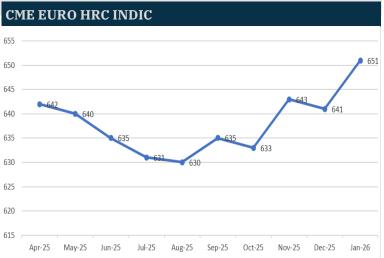
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US HRC

US HRC futures market today showed concentrated activity in front-month and Q325, with clear signals of market divergence. May25 traded between \$845 and \$850 in 2kt, holding firm and reflecting residual strength following Cleveland-Cliffs' aggressive May spot price hike to \$975. In contrast, Jun25 saw over 5kt traded around \$795-\$805, suggesting softening sentiment near \$800 and growing hesitation around demand sustainability. Jul25 and Aug25 each held steady at \$800-\$810, while Q325 was rangebound at \$805-\$810 in 2.5ktpm, reinforcing a sharp contango structure.

The divergence in mill strategy further illustrates market uncertainty: while CLF leaned into bullish contract demand and onshoring narratives, Nucor's recent CSP reduction to \$930 from \$935 signals a more cautious view. Service center data adds another layer—March flatrolled steel inventories declined to 56.4 shipping days (from 58.6 in Feb), as buyers front-loaded purchases to get ahead of tariff-driven price increases. However, with April shipping levels expected to stay strong and 33% of manufacturers now cutting inventories (up from 13% in March), the appetite for future restocking may weaken. All told, despite firm spot prices above \$900, futures action suggests growing skepticism over how long this strength can be sustained.





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May25 US HRC @845 in 500t May25 US HRC @845 in 500t Q325 US HRC @805 in 500tpm Q325 US HRC @805 in 500tpm Jun25 US HRC @800 in 500t Jun25 US HRC @800 in 500t Jul25 US HRC @800 in 1kt Jul25 US HRC @800 in 1kt Aug25 US HRC @810 in 500t May25 US HRC @850 in 1kt Jun25 US HRC @800 in 500t Jun25 US HRC @795 in 940t Q325 US HRC @810 in 500tpm Jun25 US HRC @805 in 2kt Q325 US HRC @810 in 500tpm Q325 US HRC @810 in 500tpm

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	357	-1
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	555	0
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	944	-23
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	930	+30
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	975	+75
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	456	+2
		Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIAN	IJIN CHINA	USD/mt		LME HMS 80:20 CI	R TK		
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-25	456	466	461	Apr-25	359	365	362
May-25	443	453	448	May-25	350	356	353
Jun-25	445	455	450	Jun-25	345	351	348
Jul-25	447	457	452	Jul-25	348	354	351
Aug-25	450	460	455	Aug-25	350	356	353
Q2-25	448	458	453	Q2-25	352	358	355

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Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Apr-25	559	569	564	Apr-25	450	460	453
May-25	559	569	564	May-25	450	460	453
Jun-25	560	570	565	Jun-25	457	465	460
Jul-25	564	574	569	Jul-25	462	470	465
Aug-25	568	578	573	Aug-25	462	470	465
02-25	559	569	564	02-25	452	460	455

CME US HRC USD,	short ton			CME NWE HRC EU	R/metric to	on	
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Va
Apr-25	930	940	935	Apr-25	635	645	64
May-25	845	855	848	May-25	635	645	64
Jun-25	795	805	798	Jun-25	630	640	63
Jul-25	790	800	794	Jul-25	625	635	63
Aug-25	800	810	803	Aug-25	625	635	63
Q2-25	855	865	860	Q2-25	635	645	63

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