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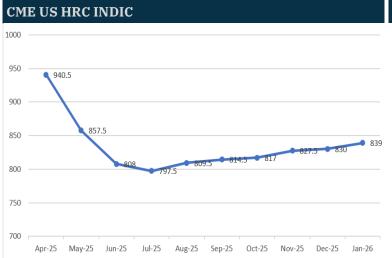
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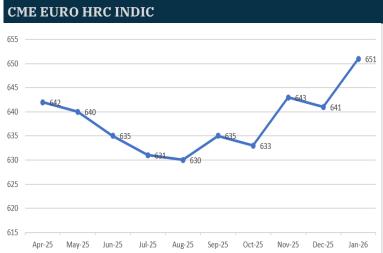
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US HRC

Hot-rolled coil futures traded mostly sideways today, though cracks in market sentiment are beginning to show. May25 traded down to \$852–856 in 1.5kt, while Jun25 was last seen at \$815 in 580t, reflecting a moderate softening in near-term appetite. Jun25 v Sep25 spread printed flat in 1ktpm, and Q325 remains anchored at \$805 in 1.5ktpm.

Meanwhile, CRU edged up \$1 to \$945, though the index has settled into a tighter range with April's average so far at \$952 — down sharply from March's highs. With spot offers reportedly still hovering around \$950–955, the surface appears steady, but the market tone underneath is notably weakening. Industry participants increasingly expect HRC prices to correct more significantly in the weeks ahead. Buying has slowed markedly since the initial tariff-driven surge, and with limited transactions being recorded, most index pricing is lagging real sentiment on the ground. Market contacts suggest the next round of meaningful buying may occur at much lower levels, likely in the \$825–850 range, especially if macro uncertainty persists. WSD analysts echo this view, projecting a \$75–125 drop in HRC pricing by early summer, assuming no changes to the 25% steel import tariffs. While mill lead times remain relatively extended — largely on the back of prior panic restocking — inventories have since normalized, and downstream demand appears muted. The sharp February price run, fueled by low service center stocks and trade war anxiety, now looks increasingly unsustainable.





CME Settlements—US HRC						
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
Apr 25	940	939	+1	6106	0	
May 25	857	850	+7	7703	+53	
June 25	807	800	+7	9527	+103	
July 25	799	795	+4	4869	+44	
Aug 25	805	804	+1	2177	+76	
Sep 25	805	807	-2	1966	+98	
Oct 25	810	812	-2	1435	0	
Nov25	815	817	-2	1127	0	
Dec25	825	822	+3	1258	0	
Jan26	850	850	0	316	0	
Feb26	855	855	0	247	0	
Mar26	858	858	0	217	0	

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Jun25 US HRC @815 in 580t
Jun25 v Sep25 US HRC @FLAT in 1ktpm (815)

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Source: CME, FIS,

Nucor, SMU

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Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	345	-12
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	550	-5
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	945	+1
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	930	+30
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	975	+75
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	454	-2
		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	446	456	451	
Jul-25	449	459	454	
Aug-25	453	463	458	
Q2-25	451	461	456	

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	357	363	360	
May-25	344	350	347	
Jun-25	338	344	341	
Jul-25	343	349	346	
Aug-25	345	351	348	
Q2-25	346	352	349	

LME REBAR FOB TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	562	572	567	
May-25	558	568	563	
Jun-25	560	570	565	
Jul-25	562	572	567	
Aug-25	566	576	571	
Q2-25	560	570	565	

CME US BUSHELING				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	467	475	470	
May-25	482	490	485	
Jun-25	460	470	463	
Jul-25	465	475	468	
Aug-25	465	475	468	
Q2-25	470	480	473	

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	935	945	941	
May-25	855	865	858	
Jun-25	805	815	808	
Jul-25	795	805	798	
Aug-25	805	815	810	
Q2-25	865	875	869	

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	635	645	642	
May-25	635	645	640	
Jun-25	630	640	635	
Jul-25	625	635	631	
Aug-25	625	635	630	
Q2-25	635	645	639	

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