

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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US HRC

U.S HRC futures saw a balanced but soft tone today, with spreads and outright levels painting a cautious forward curve. May25 traded at \$855 in 1.2kt, holding steady after yesterday's uptick. May v Jun25 spread printed +52 and +47 in 1.4ktpm in total, indicating clear frontend tightness, while Jun25 continued to edge lower, printed at \$802 in 1.08kt and \$805 in 500t. Jun v Sep25 HRC spreads traded at -5 in 3ktpm in total, suggesting forward-month normalization and light support into Q3. Q126 traded at \$860 in 500tpm, hinting at mild upward slope further down the curve as the market digests the current pullback.

Steel production remained robust last week. According to AISI, U.S. raw steel output was 1.682 million short tons last week, just 0.4% off the previous week's level and 1.2% above the year-to-date average. While still below 2024 levels, this consistent production keeps the market well-supplied, particularly in the face of softening spot demand. Capacity utilization dipped slightly to 74.9%, reflecting efficient but cautious mill behavior as macro headwinds and tariff-induced uncertainty continue to cloud buying activity.

The United Steelworkers union reiterated strong opposition, citing national security concerns and labeling Nippon a "serial unfair trader" contributing to global overcapacity. President Trump has ordered a fresh review, with results expected by mid-May.



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CME Settlements—US HRC						
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
Apr 25	940	940	0	6117	0	
May 25	853	856	-3	7698	+17	
June 25	802	810	-8	9642	-28	
July 25	797	800	-3	4961	0	
Aug 25	806	805	+1	2265	-15	
Sep 25	806	805	+1	2114	0	
Oct 25	811	810	+1	1435	0	
Nov25	816	815	+1	1127	0	
Dec25	826	825	+1	1261	0	
Jan26	860	850	+10	316	0	
Feb26	860	855	+5	247	0	
Mar26	860	858	+2	217	0	

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Jun25 v Sep25 US HRC @-5 in 1ktpm (802 v 807)
Q126 US HRC @860 in 500tpm
May25 US HRC @855 in 700t
May25 v Jun25 US HRC @+52 in 320tpm (854 v 802)
May25 v Jun25 US HRC @+47 in 1.08kt (858 v 811)
May25 US HRC @855 in 500t
Jun25 US HRC @802 in 1.08kt

CME Block Trades - US HRC

Jun25 US HRC @805 in 500t

Jun25 v Sep25 US HRC @-5 in 3ktpm (802 v 807)

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

Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	330.5	-17.5
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	540	-10
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	945	+1
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	930	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	975	+75
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	449	+1
		Source: FIS. Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	454	464	459	
May-25	444	454	449	
Jun-25	447	457	452	
Jul-25	447	457	452	
Aug-25	452	462	457	
Q2-25	448	458	453	

	Source. Fis, Nacor, Cili				
LME HMS 80:20 CF	LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Apr-25	351	357	354		
May-25	327	333	330		
Jun-25	328	334	331		
Jul-25	328	334	331		
Aug-25	332	338	335		
Q2-25	335	341	338		

LME REBAR FOB TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	550	560	555	
May-25	550	560	555	
Jun-25	562	572	567	
Jul-25	565	575	570	
Aug-25	561	571	566	
Q2-25	554	564	559	

CME US BUSHELING				
Bid	Ask	Value		
455	465	458		
450	460	453		
455	465	458		
462	470	465		
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453	460	456		
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CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	935	945	940	
May-25	850	860	854	
Jun-25	800	810	806	
Jul-25	795	805	801	
Aug-25	805	815	808	
Q2-25	860	870	867	

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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