

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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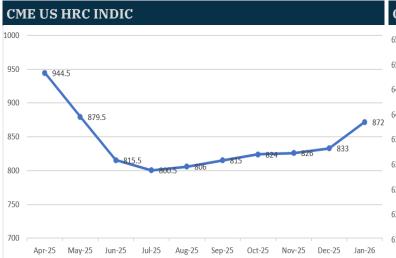
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US HRC

US HRC futures today was dominated by monthly rolls, with indications of both stabilization in front months and structural softness further out. May/June spread action remained aggressive, trading as wide as +66 in 1ktpm (880 v 814), reflecting continued backwardation as near-term material holds its premium amid tighter availability. Jun25 displayed continued liquidity, printing at \$815 in a combined 2kt and at \$813 in 500t, reinforcing a firm price band around the low \$810s. Meanwhile, mild upward pressure was seen in the June v Q325 spread, holding at +8 in 4.5kt, signaling the market's expectation that the mid-year lull may extend into late summer without further macro or trade-driven disruption.

Mill fundamentals are also turning heads. Weekly AISI data shows US steel production hit 1.706 million short tons last week—the strongest output since September 2024—pushing utilization up to 76.0%. That marks a 1.4% weekly gain and puts current output 2.5% above the 2025 weekly average, signaling that mills remain confident enough in Q2 demand to maintain high production levels. Year-to-date, capacity utilization has averaged 74.7%, still shy of Trump's 80% target, but moving in the right direction. Nucor's Q1 earnings update adds nuance to the current pricing plateau. Despite an 82% drop in net income to \$156 million, the company struck an upbeat tone, pointing to stronger Q2 prospects driven by higher average selling prices and volume gains across sheet, plate, and structural products.



CME EURO HRC INDIC 655 650 645 640 640 641 635 635 630 631 630 625 620 Apr-25 May-25 Jun-25 Jul-25 Aug-25 Sep-25 Oct-25 Nov-25 Dec-25 Jan-26

CME Settlements—US HRC						
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
Apr 25	880	881	-1	6099	0	
May 25	814	814	0	7664	-137	
June 25	804	802	+2	10451	+138	
July 25	808	814	-6	4599	-313	
Aug 25	815	820	-5	2819	+322	
Sep 25	820	820	0	2364	+7	
Oct 25	824	820	+4	1440	0	
Nov25	826	824	+2	1132	0	
Dec25	826	826	0	1265	0	
Jan26	851	851	0	321	0	
Feb26	851	851	0	247	0	
Mar26	851	851	0	217	0	

CME Block Trades - US HRC
May25 v Jun25 US HRC @+61 in 1ktpm (880 v 819)
May25 v Jun25 US HRC @+66 in 1ktpm (880 v 814)
Jun25 v Q325 US HRC @+8 in 3kt/1ktpm (817 v 809)
Jun25 US HRC @815 in 500t
May25 v Jun25 US HRC @+60 in 1ktpm (875 v 815)
Q325 US HRC @807 in 500tpm
Jun25 v Q325 US HRC @+8 in 1.5kt/500tpm
Jun25 US HRC @815 in 1.5kt
Jun25 US HRC @813 in 500t

Source: CME, FIS,

Nucor, SMU

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Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	327.5	0
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	540	+2.5
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	946	+1
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	930	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	975	+75
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	454	+4
•		Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Apr-25	460	470	465		
May-25	454	464	459		
Jun-25	451	461	456		
Jul-25	452	462	457		
Aug-25	452	462	457		
Q2-25	455	465	460		

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LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	350	356	353	
May-25	335	341	338	
Jun-25	339	345	342	
Jul-25	344	350	347	
Aug-25	349	355	352	
Q2-25	341	347	344	

LME REBAR FOB TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	550	560	555	
May-25	542	552	547	
Jun-25	549	559	554	
Jul-25	559	569	564	
Aug-25	565	575	570	
Q2-25	547	557	552	

CME US BUSHELING					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
Apr-25	472	480	475		
May-25	482	490	485		
Jun-25	456	465	459		
Jul-25	480	490	483		
Aug-25	454	460	457		
Q2-25	470	480	473		
May-25 Jun-25 Jul-25 Aug-25	482 456 480 454	490 465 490 460	485 459 483 457		

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
Apr-25	940	950	945	
May-25	875	885	880	
Jun-25	810	820	817	
Jul-25	795	805	801	
Aug-25	800	810	806	
Q2-25	875	885	880	

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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