

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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US HRC

US HRC futures opened May with light volume but firm structure in the mid-to-long end of the curve, even as spot sentiment softened following a long-awaited CRU correction. Futures activity was led by Q1'26, traded at \$842 in 1kt and \$845 in 300tpm—suggesting some modest forward support despite ongoing backwardation. Q4'25 traded at \$818 in 1kt total, while Oct–Nov25 saw a 600tpm clip at \$820, reflecting stability in the back end amid uncertainty in the near term. June25 traded at \$811 in 500t, continuing to hover near recent lows. May25 held at \$865 in 500t, saw no daily change.

Mills are holding offers steady into early May, likely in hopes of influencing next CRU prints. But this strategy appears more performative than reflective of real demand, as buyers continue to sit on adequate inventory and show little urgency to restock. Lead times were reported at 4–5 weeks, consistent with a buyer's market. With scrap prices expected to fall this month, cost-push support is eroding, and any further drop in demand could quickly tip prices lower. While the 25% Section 232 tariffs remain in place, they're providing psychological rather than structural price support at this point. Market participants are largely unfazed by ongoing trade policy noise, focused instead on fundamentals—where availability remains ample, restocking activity is thin, and expectations are mixed heading into June.



CME EURO HRC INDIC 655 650 645 640 635 633 630 625 620 May-25 Feb-26 Jun-25 Sep-25 Oct-25 Jan-26

CME Settlements—US HRC						
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
May 25	867	866	+1	7711	+112	
June 25	813	810	+3	10571	-14	
July 25	800	802	-2	4656	+104	
Aug 25	805	800	+5	2832	-1	
Sep 25	808	810	-2	2431	-8	
Oct 25	818	820	-2	1437	-3	
Nov25	818	824	-6	1132	0	
Dec25	826	826	0	1265	0	
Jan26	842	851	-9	321	0	
Feb26	842	851	-9	247	0	
Mar26	842	851	-9	217	0	
Apr26	851	860	-9	19	0	

CME Block Trades - US HRC
Q126 US HRC @842 in 1kt
Oct-Nov25 US HRC @820 in 600tpm
Q425 US HRC @818 in 500tpm
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Jun25 US HRC @811 in 500t
Q126 US HRC @845 in 300tpm May25 US HRC @865 in 500t
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Source: CME, FIS,

Nucor, SMU

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Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	330	+2.5
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	540	0
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	946	+1
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	930	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	975	+75
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	454	0 Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff
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LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	448	458	453	
Jun-25	455	465	460	
Jul-25	459	469	464	
Aug-25	460	470	465	
Sep-25	460	470	465	
Q3-25	460	470	465	

	Source. Fis, Nacor, Cili				
LME HMS 80:20 CF	LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
May-25	334	340	337		
Jun-25	341	347	344		
Jul-25	344	350	347		
Aug-25	349	355	352		
Sep-25	355	361	358		
Q3-25	349	355	352		

LME REBAR FOB TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	535	545	540	
Jun-25	546	556	551	
Jul-25	555	565	560	
Aug-25	565	575	570	
Sep-25	570	580	575	
Q3-25	563	573	568	

CME US BUSHELING				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	472	480	475	
Jun-25	482	490	485	
Jul-25	475	485	478	
Aug-25	480	490	483	
Sep-25	454	460	457	
Q3-25	470	480	473	

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	865	875	869	
Jun-25	810	820	814	
Jul-25	795	805	798	
Aug-25	795	805	801	
Sep-25	805	815	810	
Q3-25	800	810	803	

CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	635	645	642	
Jun-25	635	645	640	
Jul-25	630	640	635	
Aug-25	625	635	631	
Sep-25	625	635	630	
Q3-25	625	635	632	

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