

STEEL AND SCRAP REPORT

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US HRC

US HRC futures displayed notable activity in the mid-year contracts today, as market participants digested Nucor's long-awaited price reversal and adjusted risk accordingly. Over 6.4kt printed in Jun25 alone, ranging from \$824–\$825. May25 traded higher at \$872 in 2kt, while Sep25 traded at \$810 in 500t.

The tone shift follows Nucor's decision to reduce CSP by \$20/t after holding at \$930/t for three weeks—a move widely seen as acknowledgment of buyer fatigue and weakening transactional momentum in the spot market. After nine consecutive price hikes since July 2024, this marks the company's first downward adjustment in nearly a year. Today's tone suggests the market is recalibrating around a softer demand environment and saturated inventories, even as domestic production continues to rise. According to AISI data, US raw steel output for the week ending May 3 climbed to 1.725 million net tons, up 1.1% from the prior week and 1.4% YoY. The capability utilization rate improved to 76.8%, the highest this year. This underscores the lingering imbalance between mill throughput and real end-user pull-through. In the background, pricing indexes continue to drift: Platts dropped to \$905/t, CRU sits at \$923/t, and SMU trails at \$885/t—highlighting a market increasingly split between published offers and transactable spot value.



CME EURO HRC INDIC 655 650 645 640 635 633 630 625 620 615 Feb-26 May-25 Jul-25 Oct-25 Jun-25 Jan-26 Sep-25

CME Settlements—US HRC					
CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg	
872	875	-3	7679	+15	
824	823	+1	10744	-29	
803	805	-2	4787	+15	
808	810	-2	2981	+11	
811	810	+1	2589	+14	
820	819	+1	1499	0	
821	821	0	1207	0	
826	829	-3	1340	0	
842	845	-3	380	0	
842	845	-3	304	0	
842	845	-3	265	0	
851	845	+6	19	0	
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CME Block Trades - US HRC
Jun25-Nov25 US HRC @817 in 200t/340t/360t
Jun25 US HRC @824 in 1kt
Sep25 US HRC @810 in 500t
Jun25 US HRC @824 in 2kt
Jun25 US HRC @1.18kt
Jun25 US HRC @825 in 800t
Jun25 US HRC @825 in 1kt
Jun25 US HRC @825 in 500t
May25 US HRC @872 in 2kt

Source: CME, FIS,

Nucor, SMU

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Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	338	+8
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	545	+5
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	923	-23
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	910	-20
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	975	+75
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	454	0
		Source: FIS. Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	450	460	455	
Jun-25	450	460	455	
Jul-25	454	464	459	
Aug-25	454	464	459	
Sep-25	460	470	465	
Q3-25	456	466	461	

	Source. Fis, Nacor, Cili			
LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	337	343	340	
Jun-25	339	345	342	
Jul-25	341	347	344	
Aug-25	347	353	350	
Sep-25	355	361	358	
Q3-25	348	354	351	

LME REBAR FOB TK					
Period	Bid	Ask	Value		
May-25	540	550	545		
Jun-25	546	556	551		
Jul-25	555	565	560		
Aug-25	565	575	570		
Sep-25	569	579	574		
Q3-25	563	573	568		

CME US BUSHELING				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	497	505	500	
Jun-25	467	475	470	
Jul-25	475	485	478	
Aug-25	476	485	479	
Sep-25	454	460	457	
Q3-25	468	475	471	

CME US HRC USD/short ton				
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	
May-25	870	880	873	
Jun-25	820	830	823	
Jul-25	800	810	804	
Aug-25	805	815	809	
Sep-25	805	815	812	
Q3-25	805	815	808	

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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