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US HRC

Yesterday saw another low volume quiet range day on HRC futures. A weekly index print at down \$2 did nothing to excite bulls or bears and other prints this week showed Nucor holding steady at \$875, Platts ticking higher at \$810 and SMU breaking the \$800 barrier at \$785. A confusing picture indeed without commitment in either direction. Traders are waiting for the next big catalyst or news headline to get excited about a move in direction but meanwhile we sit in stagnation.

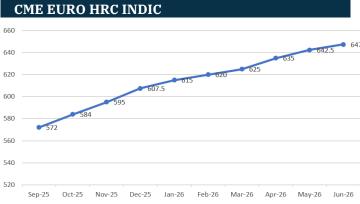
Transactional Environment

- Discounting trends: Earlier summer concessions for large buyers have largely evaporated. Mills are tightening deals to protect published prices.
- Canadian competition: Offers in the low \$700s from Canadian mills are undercutting U.S. tags, applying downward pressure.
- Buyer sentiment: Described as "tepid." Inventory turnover has slowed, speculative purchases are absent, and the summer lull threatens to extend into Q4.

Outlook: Fragile Stability The mid-September 2025 HRC market rests on an artificial foundation: tariffs, import restrictions, and managed supply.

- Risks: A single headline on tariffs or trade could destabilize sentiment.
- Key level: Spot prices holding above \$800 would preserve the narrative of a floor; breaking below risks renewed pessimism.
- Paradox: Mills enforce discipline, but demand remains weak. Stability is real only as long as politics supports it.





CME Block Trades - US HRC LAST

CME- US HRC								
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg			
Sep 25	813	810	+3	5130	-2			
Oct 25	826	825	+1	5630	-25			
Nov25	848	846	+2	2851	+25			
Dec25	864	867	-3	3624	+25			
Jan26	876	878	-2	1424	+15			
Feb26	878	875	+3	1086	0			
Mar26	883	882	-2	1067	0			
Apr26	886	886	0	264	0			
May26	895	895	0	142	0			
Jun26	896	896	0	70	0			
Jul26	893	893	0	67	0			
Aug26	891	891	0	33	0			

Q425 US HRC @847 in 500tpm Jan26 US HRC @876 in 1.5kt Oct25 US HRC @827 in 500t Oct25 v Nov25 US HRC @-20 in 500tpm (827 v Dec25 US HRC @864 in 500t

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Indices	Price	Change	
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	335	+1.5	
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	535	0	
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	809	-3	
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	875	0	
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	950	+40	
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	476	-2	
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Source: FIS, Nucor, Cliff

LME HRC FOB TIANJIN CHINA USD/mt				LME HMS 80:20 CFR TK			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-25	469	479	474	Sep-25	335	341	338
Oct-25	469	479	474	Oct-25	337	343	340
Nov-25	472	482	477	Nov-25	342	348	345
Dec-25	473	483	478	Dec-25	348	354	351
Jan-26	474	484	479	Jan-26	355	361	358
Q4-25	471	481	476	Q4-25	342	348	345

LME REBAR FOB TK				CME US BUSHELING			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-25	531	541	536	Sep-25	447	455	450
Oct-25	536	546	541	Oct-25	453	460	456
Nov-25	540	550	545	Nov-25	471	480	474
Dec-25	546	556	551				
Jan-26	551	561	556				
Q4-25	541	551	546				

CME US HRC USD/short ton				CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Sep-25	805	815	810	Sep-25	565	575	572
Oct-25	825	835	828	Oct-25	580	590	584
Nov-25	840	850	847	Nov-25	590	600	595
Dec-25	865	875	870	Dec-25	605	615	608
Jan-26	875	885	879	Jan-26	610	620	615
Q4-25	845	855	848	Q4-25	590	600	596

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