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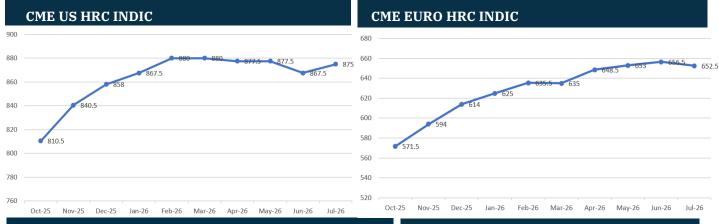
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US HRC

The U.S. hot-rolled coil (HRC) market continued its uneasy stability this week, with the weekly Spot Index coming in at \$810/st, up \$6 from the prior week. The movement reflects the second-week contract pricing and comes amid a market caught between geopolitical optimism and fundamental stagnation. Traders were mixed in their reactions. Early in the session, aluminum premiums collapsed as traders positioned for tariff concessions on Canadian imports. The HRC complex, however, failed to follow that enthusiasm, moving upward only modestly with the Index. Front-month contracts for October and November saw a slight uptick, following the index mechanically rather than from renewed demand. But deeper in the curve, the Cal26 contract traded at \$870/st on 3kt per month, a clear signal of resistance that reinforces how little appetite there is for a return to the \$900 level. The futures curve remains heavy on its back end, reflecting expectations that structural demand softness will persist long after any short-term political relief.

Market Outlook: Supported, but on Scaffolding The \$800/st level remains the psychological dividing line between perceived stability and renewed weakness. A sustained break below that mark could invite a wave of bearish sentiment and potential short-covering in futures. For now, futures markets reflect guarded optimism. The 2026 contracts near \$870/st suggest hope for normalization driven by political and policy resolution, not organic demand recovery. Fundamentally, the equation remains unchanged: flat demand, abundant supply, and a cautious mill posture. The market, in effect, rests on scaffolding, not on steel. The structure is upright — supported by diplomacy, tariffs, and the choreography of North American politics — but it lacks the industrial momentum that would make it self-sustaining. A single headline — a policy breakthrough or diplomatic misstep — could tilt the structure sharply in either direction.



CME- US HRC								
Period	CME Value	Prior	Diff	Open Int	Chg			
Oct 25	813	805	+8	4706	-3			
Nov25	835	832	+3	4950	-9			
Dec25	854	854	0	4143	+111			
Jan26	868	868	0	2396	+57			
Feb26	868	868	0	1786	+60			
Mar26	873	872	+1	1766	+52			
Apr26	872	872	0	908	+42			
May26	872	874	-2	526	+39			
Jun26	871	874	-3	432	+56			
Jul26	867	870	-3	305	+37			
Aug26	867	870	-3	302	+38			
Sep26	867	870	-3	293	+38			

Dec25 US HRC @856 in 1kt Dec25 US HRC @856 in 1kt Dec25 US HRC @856 in 1kt

CME Block Trades - US HRC LAST

Cal26 US HRC @870 in 200tpm Q126 US HRC @870 in 500tpm Cal26 US HRC @870 in 500tpm Cal26 US HRC @870 in 500tpm

Nov25 US HRC @835 in 500t

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Indices	Price	Change
Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR)	348	0
Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB)	540	-2.5
CRU HRC (\$/mt)	810	+6
Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt)	875	0
Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt)	950	+40
Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt)	470	0

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
Oct-25	462	472	467	Oct-25	346	352	349
Nov-25	463	473	468	Nov-25	347	353	350
Dec-25	465	475	470	Dec-25	351	357	354
Jan-26	467	477	472	Jan-26	355	361	358
Feb-26	468	478	473	Feb-26	362	368	365
Q4-25	463	473	468	Q4-25	348	354	351

LME REBAR FOB TK				CME US BUSHELING			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Oct-25	537	547	542	Oct-25	432	440	435
Nov-25	550	560	555	Nov-25	420	430	423
Dec-25	550	560	555	Dec-25	445	455	448
Jan-26	555	565	560				
Feb-26	565	575	570				
Q4-25	546	556	551				

CME US HRC USD/short ton				CME NWE HRC EUR/metric ton			
Period	Bid	Ask	Value	Period	Bid	Ask	Value
Oct-25	805	815	811	Oct-25	565	575	572
Nov-25	835	845	841	Nov-25	590	600	594
Dec-25	855	865	858	Dec-25	610	620	614
Jan-26	865	875	868	Jan-26	620	630	625
Feb-26	875	885	880	Feb-26	630	640	636
Q4-25	830	840	836	Q4-25	590	600	593

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