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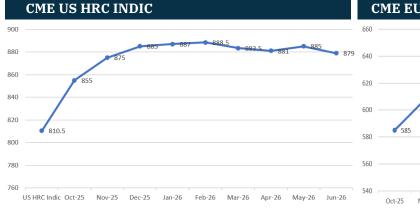
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US HRC

Yesterday's HRC futures market delivered its strongest upward session in weeks, with prices surging between \$6 and \$16 per ton across the futures curve. Volumes were solid, and open interest climbed, reflecting fresh conviction among traders that a new pricing floor may be forming. But the real story — and the catalyst for this move — was the latest round of mill price hikes that rippled through the domestic steel market.

Mill Hikes Reignite the Curve

The upward spark in futures trading was set off by a coordinated — or at least coincidental series of price hike announcements from major U.S. and international steel producers. NLMK USA took the lead, raising its spot price by \$50 per ton reportedly to \$850/t, in what market participants immediately read as a bold attempt to re-anchor pricing expectations. While NLMK is not among the largest U.S. integrated mills, the company's exposure to imported substrate — and the corresponding tariff burdens — gives its move symbolic weight. Its willingness to push through a hike despite those headwinds suggests a strong conviction that the market's underlying price discipline can hold. Nucor (NUE) followed with its own upward adjustment, lifting its weekly CSP price to \$885/t, a \$10 increase from the prior week. Following nine weeks at \$875 this was a smaller, steadier move — one that underscored Nucor's confidence in the stability of current demand and its ability to hold the line on pricing amid ongoing macro uncertainty. Adding institutional validation, Platts raised its benchmark HRC spot assessment by \$10 to \$835/t, shifting the observed market range to \$805–\$835/t. Together, these pricing actions reframed the short-term outlook for domestic HRC, lending futures traders the justification to bid up contracts and reprice the forward curve. For the moment, these hikes have achieved their immediate goal: they have reset sentiment. Whether they can reset reality will depend on follow-through from other mills and the buying community.



| (| CME EURO HRC INDIC |
|-----|---|
| 660 | 652 |
| 640 | 640 645 647.5 |
| 620 | 620.5 620 625 |
| 600 | 610 |
| 580 | √ 585 |
| 560 | |
| 540 | Oct-25 Nov-25 Dec-25 Jan-26 Feb-26 Mar-26 Apr-26 May-26 Jun-26 Jul-26 |

| CME- US HRC | | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------|------|----------|------|--|--|
| Period | CME Value | Prior | Diff | Open Int | Chg | | |
| Oct 25 | 814 | 813 | +1 | 4833 | -1 | | |
| Nov25 | 856 | 843 | +13 | 4194 | -16 | | |
| Dec25 | 877 | 861 | +16 | 5250 | +51 | | |
| Jan26 | 886 | 878 | +11 | 3210 | +271 | | |
| Feb26 | 886 | 878 | +8 | 2292 | +140 | | |
| Mar26 | 885 | 882 | +3 | 2397 | +160 | | |
| Apr26 | 888 | 878 | +10 | 1266 | +25 | | |
| May26 | 888 | 878 | +10 | 794 | 0 | | |
| Jun26 | 888 | 878 | +10 | 669 | +50 | | |
| Jul26 | 884 | 878 | +6 | 341 | 0 | | |
| Aug26 | 884 | 878 | +6 | 337 | 0 | | |
| Sep26 | 884 | 875 | +3 | 328 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | |

| CME Block Trades – US HRC LAST |
|---|
| Nov25 US HRC @852 in 1kt |
| Nov25 v Dec25 US HRC @-22 in 2ktpm (855 v |
| 877) |
| Q226 US HRC @888 in 500tpm |
| Q126 US HRC @885 in 500tpm |
| Nov25 v Dec25 US HRC @-20 in 1ktpm (856 v |
| 876) |
| Dec25 v Q126 US HRC @-12 in 3kt v 1ktpm |
| (875 v 887) |
| Nov25 v Dec25 US HRC @-20 in 500tpm (856 |
| v 876) |
| Dec25 US HRC @875 in 1kt |
| Dec25 v Q126 US HRC @-12 in 3kt v 1ktpm |
| (875 v 887) |
| Nov25 US HRC @856 in 500t |
| Nov25 US HRC @856 in 500t |
| Q126 US HRC @887 in 1ktpm |
| Q1+Q226 US HRC @887+888 in 1ktpm |
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| Indices | Price | Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Platts TSI HMS 1/2 80:20 (\$/mt CFR) | 350 | 0 |
| Turkish Rebar (\$/mt FOB) | 540 | 0 |
| CRU HRC (\$/mt) | 818 | +5 |
| Nucor CSP HRC (\$/mt) | 885 | +10 |
| Cleveland Cliff HRC (\$/mt) | 950 | +40 |
| Argus FOB China HRC (\$/mt) | 453 | +1 |

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 | 457 | 467 | 462 | Oct-25 | 347 | 353 | 350 |
| Nov-25 | 459 | 469 | 464 | Nov-25 | 347 | 353 | 350 |
| Dec-25 | 461 | 471 | 466 | Dec-25 | 347 | 353 | 350 |
| Jan-26 | 463 | 473 | 468 | Jan-26 | 352 | 358 | 355 |
| Feb-26 | 464 | 474 | 469 | Feb-26 | 354 | 360 | 357 |
| Q4-25 | 459 | 469 | 464 | Q4-25 | 347 | 353 | 350 |

| LME REBAR FOB TK | | | | CME US BUSHELING | | | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-------|------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Period | Bid | Ask | Value | Period | Bid | Ask | Value |
| Oct-25 | 543 | 553 | 548 | Oct-25 | 423 | 430 | 426 |
| Nov-25 | 543 | 553 | 548 | Nov-25 | 450 | 460 | 453 |
| Dec-25 | 548 | 558 | 553 | | | | |
| Jan-26 | 548 | 558 | 553 | | | | |
| Feb-26 | 553 | 563 | 558 | | | | |
| Q4-25 | 544 | 554 | 549 | | | | |

| 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 | 580 | 590 | 585 |
| Nov-25 | 850 | 860 | 853 | Nov-25 | 605 | 615 | 610 |
| Dec-25 | 870 | 880 | 875 | Dec-25 | 615 | 625 | 621 |
| Jan-26 | 880 | 890 | 885 | Jan-26 | 615 | 625 | 620 |
| Feb-26 | 880 | 890 | 887 | Feb-26 | 620 | 630 | 625 |
| Q4-25 | 840 | 850 | 846 | Q4-25 | 600 | 610 | 605 |

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