

Methodology and price specifications – September 2024



## Mission statement

Fastmarkets Metals, Minerals And Mining is the leading global provider of pricing intelligence for the non-ferrous metal, steel, steelmaking raw materials, industrial minerals, ferrous and non-ferrous scrap markets, producing price assessments via Fastmarkets MB and Fastmarkets AMM since 1913 and 1882 respectively.

Fastmarkets Forest Products is the leading global provider of pricing intelligence for the global forest products industry, incorporating Fastmarkets RISI, Fastmarkets FOEX and Random Lengths.

And Fastmarkets Agriculture Products has delivered pricing transparency to opaque agriculture and energy markets in the form of market-moving reporting and commentary, trusted pricing and price forecasting since 1865.

Our mission is to meet our markets' data requirements honestly and independently, acting with integrity and care to ensure that the trust and confidence placed in the reliability of our pricing methodologies is maintained. We do not have a vested interest in the markets on which we report.

## Introduction

Fastmarkets' reporters are required to abide by a <u>code</u> <u>of conduct</u> and clear pricing procedures during their market reporting and pricing activities. Fastmarkets is completely independent and has no vested commercial interest in any of the markets it prices.

We are the world's largest dedicated price-reporting team for metals and minerals, agricultural products and forest products. We have hubs in London, New York, Boston, San Francisco, Eugene, Charlottesville, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, Memphis, Sao Paulo, Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Melbourne, Mumbai, Istanbul, Brussels and Helsinki.

The aim of this document is to provide a clear overview of Fastmarkets' methodology and specifications for the prices it assesses. If you have any questions, please contact Global Head of Editorial & Pricing Perrine Faye at <u>perrine.faye@fastmarkets.com</u> for metals and minerals, Forest Products Senior VP of Indices Matt Graves at <u>mgraves@fastmarkets.com</u> for forest products or Editorial Director Tim Worledge at <u>tim.</u> <u>worledge@fastmarkets.com</u> for agricultural products.



## Price discovery and methodology

#### Methodology rationale

Fastmarkets produces independent, fair and representative price assessments and indices of metals and forest products prices on a daily, bi-weekly, weekly, monthly or quarterly basis. Fastmarkets' rationale for adopting the price-discovery process described in this methodology document is to produce consistent and representative indicators of value for specific markets over defined trading periods.

#### Assessment objective

The assessor's intended aim is to reflect Fastmarkets' assessment price definition:

'The prevailing level at which a commodity of stated specification has, or could be expected to have transacted over a defined period of time.'

We summarize this for effective use as the prevailing 'tradeable level' of the market.

#### **Time window**

The time period, or window, identified to assess a market (e.g., daily, bi-weekly, weekly, fortnightly, monthly) is determined by Fastmarkets after considering the number of data points that Fastmarkets can reasonably expect to collect on a consistent basis over the selected period to support the price assessment process.

Unless otherwise specified, the assessed timeframe will be the period since the conclusion of the previous price quotation's data collection deadline. The usual data collection deadline for most Fastmarkets AMM prices is 4pm New York time on the day the price is scheduled to be updated, with prices to be published by 5pm unless otherwise specified. Where deemed appropriate for a particular market, Fastmarkets may specify a narrower window of time closer to the publication date where activity is given greater consideration in the price assessment, though this is stated in the specifications relating to those prices

#### Data contribution

Fastmarkets reporters aim to collect data from a broad sample of market participants specifically involved in the buying and selling of the metal, mineral or forest product of interest, with a good representation of both sides of the market, including producers and consumers, as well as traders and intermediaries. Data is collected from industry participants directly involved in the relevant market primarily by telephone but also by email, digital messaging, face-to-face interaction or by direct submission. All data supplied to Fastmarkets is kept confidential and stored in our secure online pricing database system MInD (Market Information Database). Fastmarkets may sign a Data Submitter Agreement (DSA) with any data provider, if requested to do so, to maximize the number of data points collected for inclusion in the assessment process. Any data received subject to a DSA will be used in the pricing assessment but will not be commented on.

Market participants may contribute data following a review by Fastmarkets of their activities. The aim is to ensure that submitters have sufficient visibility and understanding of the market in guestion to be able to provide reliable price data. We expect that data submitters taking part in the pricing process are authorized to report market data on behalf of their organizations. Fastmarkets encourages organizations to submit all their pricing data, especially all the concluded transactions. Price reporters generally speak to, and collect data from, front office staff directly involved in the commercial activity of buying and selling the relevant product(s). Fastmarkets also welcomes organizations to submit transaction data from authorized back-office functions. Fastmarkets' Data Submitter Policy provides guidelines to ensure the high level of data quality and integrity we expect from contributing organizations providing pricing data. The policy can be found on Fastmarkets' website, or is available on request.

Depending on market liquidity, Fastmarkets reserves the right to also base its prices on bids, offers, deals heard and market participant indications of prevailing tradeable values or other indications such as trigger prices that might prompt a sale or purchase.



## Price specifications and reference units

Fastmarkets has clear specifications for all the price points that it covers. All the reference units, such as currency and volume, are in line with the trading conventions used in the recognized metals and forest products markets.

Fastmarkets' specifications detail the material's characteristics or quality, location, incoterm, payment terms and the minimum volume accepted. These specifications are determined in consultation with market participants and follow industry convention. Reporters ensure that the information they receive meet these specifications. Any data that does not fall within the stated ranges of the specification will not be eligible for consideration in the assessment.

# Data analysis and producing the price assessment

#### Establishing a data hierarchy

To produce the price assessment, a consideration hierarchy is established based on an evaluation of first, the reporter's confidence in the data's reliability, and second, the significance of the data.

The confidence level, or trustworthiness, of a data point is generally based on the transparency of the activity whether it was reported by a party directly involved or was 'heard' activity, corroboration by other market participants and the level of detail provided by the data submitter, although there may be other contributory factors.

For indications of tradeable levels or other indication of willingness to sell or purchase, confidence may be determined based on the justification provided by the submitter, their visibility and activity level in the market, and their prior reliability. Factors that Fastmarkets may consider during times of low liquidity include, but are not limited to: market fundamentals such as changes in inventory levels, shipments, operating rates and export volumes; relative fundamentals of similar commodities in the same region; relative values of the same commodity in different regions; and changes in the value of the commodity's primary feedstock(s) or primary derived product(s). The significance of a data point is determined based on its effectiveness in identifying the tradeable level of the market under assessment. Transactions are considered highest in the significance hierarchy, 'tight' bids/offers are of secondary importance, followed by data sources' own indications of a tradeable level when they have no business to report. Tight bids/offers are typically defined as those being within the range of transaction and/or indication data points, thereby helping narrow our assessment of the tradeable range. More speculative bids/offers, outside of the range of other data, would typically be of lowest significance. In some circumstances, firm bids higher than transactions or offers lower than transactions may be considered of high significance if deemed to demonstrate a clear directional change in market floor or ceiling levels.

The published assessment will typically be reflective of the highest-confidence and highest-significance data collected in that pricing session. In pricing sessions with little or no data of sufficient quality, extra caution will be applied and reporters may exercise their judgment to keep a price assessment unchanged as a fallback until activity can be confirmed with greater certainty.

All Fastmarkets price specifications define the minimum lot size accepted. When volume information is available, this is also taken into consideration in the assessment process. For instance, a deal with a bigger volume may typically be considered more significant than a smaller-volume transaction. But price reporters will also consider, for instance, normalizing or discarding a reported deal where it is suspected an abnormally large or small volume may have unduly distorted its price.

Fastmarkets will also compare the information received from a single source with the information provided by the same source in the previous pricing cycle. This way, if a source consistently gives lower or higher indications than the consensus, Fastmarkets can still use the data for directional context without it unduly influencing the assessment.

#### Normalization

Where necessary in certain assessments, data that falls within the stated specification ranges for consideration may be normalized to determine the equivalent price for the respective base specification if one exists. This may include, for instance, variances in material type or quality, delivery terms of location, payment terms or cargo size.

Data may be normalized to the base specification using either a statistical or judgement based method. Where



patterns can be established over time, such as for price differences between product qualities, data may be normalized using in-house developed models based on regression analysis of collected data. The analysis allows Fastmarkets to capture the value-in-use applied by the market to different qualities or terms and to normalize to a single base specification. Where a statistically derived adjustment factor is not possible for a particular variable, editorial judgment may be applied to normalize prices using third party data (such as broker rates for freight adjustments or exchange prices for QP adjustments), or by surveying market participants for an appropriate adjustment.

Where prices cannot be normalized with sufficient confidence or precision, such data may be discarded from the assessment. Fastmarkets' aim is to balance the requirement to keep assessments reflective of their base specifications with the need to source a sufficiently robust data set for consideration.

#### Minimum data threshold

Since commodity markets differ in liquidity levels at different periods, the methodology does not set any minimum number, or threshold, of transactions to be gathered on which to base the assessment. In each pricing session, reporters aim to source data from a suitably diverse set of market participants. In the unlikely situation that more than half of the pricing data collected in a session is provided by a single source, the assessor may refer to data collected in the previous pricing session to avoid a dependency on a single entity providing an unacceptably significant (50% or more) proportion of data. In markets where, to satisfy their jurisdictional antitrust guidelines, certain companies require us to adhere to a maximum of 25% data concentration from a single entity, Fastmarkets will comply with this stricter threshold.

## Criteria for discarding pricing data and the removal of outliers

Fastmarkets price assessments are intended to reflect the 'open and competitive' market level. Reporters therefore may apply expert judgment to exclude data deemed unrepresentative, questionable or unreliable prior to consideration in the final assessment. Data that falls outside of the respective assessment specifications, or which cannot be normalized to a base specification with sufficient confidence, is also discarded. Decisions to discard data points are recorded in the form of a written rationale in our internal pricing database, where they are reviewed and approved under the two-tier peer review process. Data may be discarded as outliers based on the identification of external factors that may be distorting the price. Price-affecting side terms, inconsistencies in information reported, or suspected motivation to unfairly influence the price discovery process would typically be grounds for removal of data, as would activity not considered to have taken place at 'arm's length'. Outliers will be investigated; more detail may be requested to determine possible reasons behind an anomalous price, and efforts will be made to identify the counterparty to cross-verify information. Suspected attempts to influence the assessment unfairly may result in the data provider being warned or excluded. Fastmarkets reserves the right to see contracts and signed paperwork before inclusion of the data in the assessment. If this is refused, the data supplied may be excluded from the assessment process.

## Data publication

#### Peer review process

All Fastmarkets' price assessments are set by a first reporter who covers that specific market, peer reviewed by a second reporter, and always signed-off by a senior reporter or editor prior to publication. This peer review process, which takes place in Fastmarkets' MInD system and is fully auditable, is in place to make sure that pricing procedures and methodologies are correctly and consistently applied and to ensure integrity and quality of the published prices. Relevant information, including all price inputs and editorial judgements, are securely retained in MInD for at least five years to maintain a full audit trail. Price reporters are formally trained in the price discovery process and must abide by a written Code of Conduct and Pricing Procedures.

For certain prices Fastmarkets also publishes pricing rationales to explain the assessment, describing why a particular price or range was determined based on the market information collected. These notes explain for instance whether any data has been excluded and why, information on the data collected and whether fallback procedures have been applied.

#### Publication

At the end of the peer review process, Fastmarkets MB and AMM publish their price assessments via MInD and on the Fastmarkets Dashboard and on product-specific websites and in the Price Book. Fastmarkets RISI, FOEX and Random Lengths publish their price assessments on the Intelligence Center, mobile app and in dedicated newsletters.



Most Fastmarkets assessments (aside from a small number of single-figure assessments) are quoted as ranges reflecting Fastmarkets' evaluation of the market's prevailing tradeable level over the observation window.

To enhance market transparency and to provide evidence of data inputs that support the price discovery process, Fastmarkets may publish trade logs in accordance with industry demand (while maintaining full counterparty confidentiality) detailing pricing data and volumes received from data contributors.

Fastmarkets' price assessments are published at the time and frequency stated under each individual specification. The pricing schedules vary according to markets and locations in which they are assessed. For more details on the pricing holiday calendar and alternative pricing dates for each assessment or index, refer to <u>Fastmarkets' Pricing Holidays</u> schedule on Fastmarkets.com or on the RISI, FOEX and Random Lengths websites.

#### Corrections and delays

If an assessment is published incorrectly, it will be rectified and republished as soon as possible. A pricing notice explaining the reasons for the correction will also be published promptly.

Fastmarkets uses several procedures and measures to avoid delays in the publication of its assessments. In the event of a delay, however, Fastmarkets will inform subscribers as soon as possible.

In the event of late publication, only data that has been received within the correct standard timeframe will be included in the assessment. No assessment will be amended due to the emergence of new data or market activity after the initial publication. Retrospective changes to the published values will only be made in cases of technical, administrative or interpretation error in line with <u>Fastmarkets' Correction Policy</u>.

# Methodology and price specification review process

#### Methodology review and pricing notices

Fastmarkets aims to continually develop and periodically review its methodologies in consultation with industry participants, with the objective to adopt product specifications, trading terms and conditions that reflect and are representative of typical working practices in the industries it serves.

Fastmarkets carries out a formal review and approval of its methodology and price specifications on an annual basis. The process is initiated by Fastmarkets publishing on its website an open consultation at least one month (or around 20 working days) before the annual methodology review is due, inviting market feedback over the duration of that period. The timeframe for the consultation and method of submission are both clearly stated.

Following a review of market participants' feedback, comments and suggestions, Fastmarkets concludes the consultation by publishing a notice stating whether or not any methodology changes are proposed. If suggested, changes are classified either as 'material' or 'immaterial'. Material changes are those that, once implemented, may result in fundamental changes to the published price. These include specification changes or structural changes to assessments. Immaterial changes are those that will not result in a different price level once they are implemented.

If a material change to the methodology is required, Fastmarkets includes in its pricing notice: the outline of the proposed change; the rationale or motivation for proposing such a change; and a proposed timetable for the date on which, if the change goes ahead, it would be implemented. If received feedback is considered insufficient to support a material change, Fastmarkets publishes a new notice extending the consultation and inviting comments on the new proposal.

A record of the methodology review is sent to the Risk & Compliance team. All comments received from the market are assumed to be confidential and are treated as such unless stated otherwise.

When Fastmarkets proposes a change to the methodology, it should be understood that no decision has yet been made and that the proposal to make a change should not automatically be understood as confirmation that the change will happen.



For prices subject to EU Benchmark Regulation (BMR), any change to the methodology requires approval from the Managing Director of our benchmark administrator, Fastmarkets Benchmark Administration Oy.

Outside of the formal methodology review process, editors may from time to time suggest changes or additions to reflect market developments. As with the formal review, changes to the existing methodology will either be classed as 'material' or 'immaterial'. The process for implementing the change will be the same as outlined above for formal reviews. The minimum duration of one month (or around 20 working days) for the consultation process normally provides market participants sufficient opportunity to analyze and comment on the impact of the proposed change.

For more details on the formal review of the methodology and the consultation process to propose changes to the methodology, refer to Fastmarkets' <u>Methodology Review and Change Consultation Process</u> available on the Fastmarkets website.

## Queries and complaints

Fastmarkets encourages engagement from the market on its pricing principles and methodology. The company promotes understanding of its pricing procedures and is committed to responding to requests for further information and clarification on a timely basis.

There are multiple channels for interaction with the pricing team including email, telephone and instant messenger services.

If a subscriber has an issue with the published prices, then they may contact the pricing team. In the event that the response is not satisfactory the issue may be escalated to the internal compliance department. For more details refer to Fastmarkets' <u>Complaint Handling</u> <u>Policy</u> available on Fastmarkets' website.

Fastmarkets takes all queries and complaints seriously and will seek to provide an explanation of the prices wherever possible. It is important to note, however, that input data remain confidential and cannot be provided to third parties.

## Become a contributor to the price discovery process

Fastmarkets continually seeks to increase the number of market sources willing to take part in the price discovery process. The main condition Fastmarkets requires from contributors is for them to be active participants in the relevant market being priced.

Fastmarkets' Data Submitter Policy provides guidelines defining the high level of data quality and integrity that Fastmarkets expects from contributing organizations providing pricing data. Market participants that wish to provide pricing data and be part of the price discovery process should first read the Data Submitter Policy available on the Fastmarkets website. The Policy is communicated to all data submitters at least on an annual basis.

All data sources are subject to review before their data submitted is fully taken into account in the pricing process. Our Contributor Approval Policy (CAP) requires this review or probation period to last no more than three months. The aim is to make sure that submitters are trustworthy and have sufficient visibility and understanding of the market to be able to provide viable price data.

## Calculation of averages

Fastmarkets produces independent, fair and representative price assessments and indices for ferrous, non-ferrous and scrap metal prices on a daily, bi-weekly, weekly, bi-monthly or monthly basis. Fastmarkets calculates and publishes monthly averages based on these independent, proprietary assessments and indices by using simple averages.

The simple monthly averages are calculated by dividing the sum of the price quotations by the number of quotations published during the calendar month. For assessments, Fastmarkets derives both the monthly average high price and the Fastmarkets monthly average low price using this method. For indices, a single monthly average price point is calculated. For example, there were five weekly price quotations for Chrome Ore South Africa UG2 concentrates index basis 42% cif China, \$ per tonne during the month of



June 2018. Prices were published each Friday from June 1, 2018, with the assessments reading \$206 per tonne, \$208 per tonne, \$210 per tonne, \$211 per tonne and \$208 per tonne during the period. The simple monthly average is calculated by taking the sum of the five assessments and dividing that by the number of total assessments over the period - in this case, five. The simple monthly average for June 2018 was \$208.60 per tonne.

Most prices produced from the Americas prior to 2021 were calculated on a rolling-average basis. Rolling monthly averages were calculated by dividing the sum of the daily price quotations - including prices republished on non-assessment days - by the number of quotations published during the calendar month. Please contact <u>pricing@fastmarkets.com</u>, adding the subject heading 'Re: calculation of averages' for more information about Fastmarkets existing or legacy averages.



## Flat steel Steel coil and sheet

MB-STE-0184	Steel hot-rolled coil index, fob mill Midwest US, \$/cwt	Quantity: Location:	U.15 Inch thick x 48-72 Inches Wide Min 50 tons fob US mill, excluding Pacific states
Quality:	ASTM A1011 Commercial Steel and corresponding grades. 0.09 inch-0.38 inch thick x 48-72 inches wide		(Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska and Hawaii) as defined by the US Census Bureau.
Quantity:	Min 50 tons	Unit:	USD per hundredweight
Location:	fob US mill, Midwest states as defined by the US Census Bureau, plus Kentucky and Pennsylvania.	Publication: Notes:	Weekly, Thursday Raw materials surcharges included. Standard packaging
Unit: Publication:	USD per hundredweight		
Notes:	Daily by 5pm New York time Standard packaging, raw materials surcharges included. Payment terms are typical commercial practice in	MB-STE-0212	Steel hot-dipped galvanized coil 0.03-0.13 inch G90 (cold-rolled base), fob mill US, \$/cwt
	the HRC market. Transactions that are conducted on different payment or credit terms will be adjusted back	Quality:	ASTM A653 Commercial Steel and corresponding grades. 0.03 inch – 0.13 inch thick x 48-72 inches wide
	to the base specifications, taking	Quantity:	Min 50 tons
	into account discounts and standard commercial terms. See separate HRC index methodology	Location:	fob US mill, excluding Pacific states (Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska and Hawaii) as defined by the US Census Bureau.
	.,	Unit: Publication:	USD per hundredweight Weekly, Thursday
MB-STE-0903	Steel hot-rolled coil index, fob mill	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included;
	South US, \$/cwt		G90 coating for 0.04-inch coil
Quality:	ASTM A1011 Commercial Steel and corresponding grades. 0.09-0.38in thick x 48-72in wide		included. Standard packaging
Quantity: Location:	min 50 tons fob US mill, South states as defined by the US Census Bureau, excluding	MB-STE-0186	Steel hot-dipped galvanized coil (cold-rolled base), fob mill US, \$/cwt
Unit:	Kentucky. USD per hundredweight	Quality:	ASTM A653 Commercial Steel and corresponding grades. 0.03 inch –
Publication:	weekly, Wednesday		0.13 inch thick x 48-72 inches wide
Notes:	Standard packaging, raw materials	Quantity:	Min 50 tons
	surcharges included. Payment terms are typical commercial practice in the HRC market. Transactions that are conducted on different payment	Location:	fob US mill, excluding Pacific states (Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska and Hawaii) as defined by the US Census Bureau.
	or credit terms will be adjusted back	Unit:	USD per hundredweight
	to the base specifications, taking	Publication:	Weekly, Thursday
	into account discounts and standard commercial terms.	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included. Standard packaging

#### Steel cold-rolled coil, fob mill US, \$/cwt

ASTM A1008 Commercial Steel and

MB-STE-0185

Quality:

n:	corresponding grades. 0.03 inch – 0.13 inch thick x 48-72 inches wide Min 50 tons fob US mill, excluding Pacific states (Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska and Hawaii) as defined by the US Census Bureau. USD per hundredweight Weekly, Thursday Raw materials surcharges included. Standard packaging
0212	Steel hot-dipped galvanized coil 0.03-0.13 inch G90 (cold-rolled base), fob mill US, \$/cwt ASTM A653 Commercial Steel and corresponding grades. 0.03 inch – 0.13 inch thick x 48-72 inches wide Min 50 tons fob US mill, excluding Pacific states (Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska and Hawaii) as defined by the US Census Bureau.
n:	USD per hundredweight Weekly, Thursday Raw materials surcharges included; G90 coating for 0.04-inch coil included. Standard packaging
)186	Steel hot-dipped galvanized coil (cold-rolled base), fob mill US, \$/cwt ASTM A653 Commercial Steel and corresponding grades. 0.03 inch –



MB-STE-0883	Steel hot-dipped galvanized coil (hot-rolled base), fob mill US,	MB-STE-0187	Steel coil Galvalume*, fob mill US, \$/cwt
Quality:	<b>\$/cwt</b> ASTM A653 Commercial Steel and	Quality:	ASTM A792 Commercial Steel and corresponding grades. 0.03 inch- 0.13
	corresponding grades. 0.03-0.13 in thick x 48-72 in wide	Quantity:	inch thick x 40-61.50 inches wide Min 500 tons
Quantity:	Min 50 tons	Location:	fob Midwest mill
Location:	fob US mill, excluding Pacific states	Unit:	USD per hundredweight
	(Washington, Oregon, California,	Publication:	Monthly, third Tuesday
	Alaska and Hawaii) as defined by the US Census Bureau.	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included. Coating extras excluded. Standard
Unit:	USD per hundredweight		packaging
Publication:	Weekly, Thursday	* Galvalume® is a regi	istered trademark of BIEC International Inc.
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included.	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	
	Standard packaging		
		MB-STE-0916	Green steel domestic, differential
MB-STE-0914	Steel coil 55% Al-Zn coated steel import, South Korean-made, ddp	Ourditur	to US HRC, fob mill, \$/short ton Steel produced with scope 1,2 & 3
	Gulf Ports, \$/cwt	Quality:	emissions of maximum 0.7-metric
Quality:	AZ55 Acrylic Coated Galvalume		tonne CO2 per metric tonne of steel
,	steel sheet, 26 gauge, Structural	Quantity:	minimum 10 tons
	Steel Grade 80, 0.018- inch thick x 43	Location:	fob US mill
- · ·	inches wide	Timing:	open
Quantity: Location:	Min 500 tons	Unit: Publication:	USD per short ton
Unit:	ddp Gulf Ports USD per hundredweight	Fublication:	Weekly, Wednesday, by 5 PM New York
Publication:	Monthly, third Tuesday	Notes:	Carbon threshold may be reached
Notes:	Standard packaging		via production process, mass
			balancing or equivalent, in line
			with common standards in the US,
MB-STE-0915	Steel coil 55% Al-Zn coated steel		excluding carbon credits but inclusive
	import, non-South Korean-made, ddp Gulf Ports, \$/cwt		of renewable energy credits.
Quality:	AZ55 Acrylic Coated Galvalume	MB-STE-0917	Green steel base price, hot-rolled
	steel sheet, 26 gauge, Structural		coil fob US mill, weekly inferred,
	Steel Grade 80, 0.018- inch thick x 43		\$/short ton
	inches wide	Quality:	Steel produced with scope 1,2 & 3
Quantity:	Min 500 tons		emissions of maximum 0.7-metric
Location: Unit:	ddp Gulf Ports USD per hundredweight		tonne CO2 per metric tonne of steel, ASTM A1011 Commercial Steel and
Publication:	Monthly, third Tuesday		corresponding grades. 0.09 inch-0.38
Notes:	Standard packaging		inch thick x 48-72 inches wide.
		Quantity:	minimum 10 tons
		Location:	fob US mill
		Timing:	open
		Unit:	USD per short ton
		Publication:	Weekly, Wednesday, by 5 PM New York
		Notes:	This price is calculated by adding
			the weekly green steel differential
			to the average of the US Midwest
			HRC index (MB-STE-0184) and the US
			South index (MB-STE-0903)



## **Steel plate**

MB-STE-0172	Steel cut-to-length plate carbon grade, fob mill US, \$/cwt
Quality:	ASTM A36 Commercial Steel and
	corresponding grades. 0.375-2 inches
	thick x 48-72 inches wide x 96-288
	inches long
Quantity:	Min 50 tons.
Location:	fob US mill, excluding Pacific states
	(Washington, Oregon, California,
	Alaska and Hawaii) as defined by the
	US Census Bureau.
Unit:	USD per hundredweight
Publication:	Weekly, Tuesday
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included.
	Standard packaging

## Long steel **Bar products**

ches 8	MB-STE-0170	Steel reinforcing bar (rebar), fob mill US, \$/cwt
	Quality:	Grade 60, No5. ASTM A615 and equivalent. Size #5
es	Quantity:	Min 500 tons
,	Location:	fob Midwest mill
/ the	Unit:	USD per hundredweight
	Publication:	Weekly, Wednesday
	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included
ed.		
	MB-STE-0199	Steel bar 2 x 2 x 1/4-inch angle
		merchant products, fob mill US,
		\$/cwt
	Quality:	ASTM A36. 2 inch x 2 inch x ¼ inch
		thick
	Quantity:	Min 20 tons
	Location:	fob US mill
	Unit:	USD per hundredweight
	Publication:	Monthly, last Friday
	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included
	MB-STE-0200	Steel bar 3 x 3 x 1/4-inch angle
		merchant products, fob mill US,
		\$/cwt
	Quality:	ASTM A36. 3 inch x 3 inch x ¼ inch
		thick
	Quantity:	Min 20 tons
	Location:	fob US mill
	Unit:	USD per hundredweight
	Publication:	Monthly, last Friday

**MB-STE-0201** 

#### Steel bar 8 x 11.5-inch channels merchant products, fob mill US, \$/cwt

Quality: ASTM A36. Depth: 8 inch Weight: 11.5 pounds per foot Min 20 tons fob US mill USD per hundredweight Monthly, last Friday Raw materials surcharges included

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Notes:

Raw materials surcharges included

Quantity: Location: Unit: Publication: Notes:



MB-STE-0202	Steel bar 1/2 x 4-inch flat merchant products, fob mill US, \$/cwt	MB-STE-0204	Steel bar cold-finished 1-inch round 4140 (alloy), fob mill US, \$/ cwt
Quality:	ASTM A36. ½ inch thick x 4 inches	Quality:	Carbon 0.38-0.43%, manganese
Ourantitu	wide 20 tons		0.75-1.00%, silicon 0.15-0.30%,
Quantity: Location:	fob US mill		molybdenum 0.15-0.25%, chromium 0.80-1.00%, phosphorous max. 1-inch
Unit:	USD per hundredweight		round diameter, standard lengths 20
Publication:	Monthly, last Friday		to 40 feet0.35%, sulfur max. 0.40%.
Notes:	Raw material surcharges included	Quantity:	Min 10 tons
		Location:	fob US mill
		Unit:	USD per hundredweight
		Publication:	Monthly, third Friday
MB-STE-0205	Steel bar cold-finished 1-inch	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included
	round 1018 (carbon), fob mill US,		
Ou ality a	\$/cwt	MB-STE-0208	Charlen what welled an establisher
Quality:	Carbon 0.15-0.20%, manganese 0.60-0.90%, silicon 0.15-0.30%.	MD-31E-0200	Steel bar hot-rolled special bar quality (SBQ) 1-inch round 1000
	1-inch round diameter, standard		series (carbon), fob mill US, \$/cwt
	lengths 20 to 40 feet	Quality:	ASTM A108 to ASTM 1080; AISI
Quantity:	Min 10 tons		commercial quality includes 1018,
Location:	fob US mill		1020. AISI medium carbon: 1044,
Unit:	USD per hundredweight		1045. 1-inch round diameter,
Publication:	Monthly, third Friday		standard lengths 20 to 40 feet
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included	Quantity:	Min 10 tons
		Location:	fob US mill
		Unit:	USD per hundredweight
MB-STE-0206	Steel bar cold-finished 1-inch	Publication:	Monthly, third Friday
	round 12L14 (carbon), fob mill US, \$/cwt	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included
Quality:	Carbon max. 0.15%, manganese		
	0.85-1.15%, lead 0.15-0.35%, sulfur	MB-STE-0207	Steel bar hot-rolled special bar
	0.26-0.35%, phosphorous 0.04-		quality (SBQ) 1-inch round 4100
	0.09%. 1-inch round diameter,		series (alloy), fob mill US, \$/cwt
Quantity	standard lengths 20 to 40 feet Min 10 tons	Quality:	Carbon 0.10-0.40%, silicon 0.25%,
Quantity: Location:	fob US mill		manganese 0.85%, chromium 1.00%, molybdenum 0.25%. 1-inch round
Unit:	USD per hundredweight		diameter, standard lengths 20 to 40
Publication:	Monthly, third Friday		feet
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included	Quantity:	Min 10 tons
	5	Location:	fob US mill
		Unit:	USD per hundredweight
		Publication:	Monthly, third Friday
		Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included



## Wire rod

MB-STE-0192	Steel wire rod (low carbon) industrial quality, fob mill US, \$/
	cwt
Quality:	Up to 0.22% carbon content. 7/32 to
	3/8 inch outside diameter
Quantity:	Min 100 tons
Location:	fob US mill
Unit:	USD per hundredweight
Publication:	Once a month, third Tuesday
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included

#### **MB-STE-0193** Steel wire rod (high carbon), fob mill US, \$/cwt Above 0.45% carbon content. 7/32 to Quality: 3/8 inch outside diameter Min 100 tons Quantity: fob US mill atio

Location:	tob US mill
Unit:	USD per hundredweight
Publication:	Once a month, third Tuesday
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included

MB-STE-0194	Steel wire rod cold-heading quality, ddp, \$/cwt
Quality:	Between 0.22% and 0.45% carbon content. 7/32 to 3/8 inch outside diameter
Quantity:	Min 100 tons
Location:	ddp Great Lakes region
Unit:	USD per hundredweight
Publication:	Once a month, third Tuesday
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included

## **Beams**

#### **MB-STE-0209**

US, \$/cwt ASTM 992/ASTM A572-50. Wide-

Quality:

Quantity: Location: Unit: Publication: Notes:

## Steel beams 8 x 8-inch, fob mill

flange, 8 inches x 8 inches Min 100 tons fob US mill USD per hundredweight Once a month, last Thursday Raw materials surcharges included

## Import prices Steel coil and sheet

MB-STE-0180	Steel hot-rolled coil, import, ddp Houston, \$/short ton
Quality:	Commercial-quality hot-rolled steel
addirey.	in coils within standard tolerances.
	ASTM 1011 and equivalent. 0.09-0.18
	inch thick x 48-72 inches wide.
Quantity:	Min 500 tons
Location:	ddp Port of Houston
Unit:	USD per short ton
Publication:	Every two weeks, Wednesday
r ublication.	Every two weeks, weathesday
MB-STE-0181	Steel cold-rolled coil, import, ddp
	Houston, \$/short ton
Quality:	Commercial-quality cold-rolled stee
addirty.	in coils within standard tolerances.
	ASTM A1008 and equivalent. 0.028-
	0.13 inch thick x 48-72 inches wide.
Ourantity	Min 500 tons
Quantity: Location:	
Unit:	ddp Port of Houston
011101	USD per short ton
Publiccation:	Every two weeks, Wednesday
MB-STE-0182	Steel hot-dipped galvanized
	0.012 inch G30, ddp Houston,
	\$/short ton
Quality:	Commercial-quality galvanized
	sheet within standard tolerances.
	ASTM A653 and equivalent. e0.012
	inch thick x 48-60 inches wide.
Quantity:	Min 500 tons
Location:	ddp Port of Houston
Unit:	USD per short ton
Publication:	•
Notes:	Every two weeks, Wednesday G30 coating included
notes:	Goo coating included
MB-STE-0179	Steel medium plate, import, ddp
	Houston, \$/short ton
Quality:	Commercial-quality plate within
,	standard tolerances.
	ASTM A36 and equivalent. 3-6 inche
	thick x 48-72 inches wide
Quantity:	Min 500 tons
Location:	ddp Port of Houston
	USD per short ton
Unit:	



## **Bar products**

MB-STE-0171	Steel reinforcing bar (rebar), import, loaded truck Port of Houston for immediate delivery, \$/short ton
Quality:	Commercial-quality reinforcing bars within standard tolerances. ASTM A615 and equivalent. Size #5
Quantity:	Min 25 tons
Location:	ddp loaded truck Port of Houston for immediate delivery
Unit: Publication:	USD per short ton Weekly, Wednesday

\$/short ton

Min 100 tons

immediate delivery

angle.

Steel merchant bar, ddp Houston,

ddp loaded truck Port of Houston for

Commercial-quality steel angle within standard tolerances. ASTM A36 and equivalent. ¼ inch thick x 2 inches wide x 2 inches deep

## Beams

MB-STE-0210	Steel beams medium sections, ddp Houston, \$/short ton
Quality:	Commercial-quality steel beams
	within standard tolerances.
	ASTM A36 and A572 or equivalent.
	Web size 6-24 inches by 5 ¼ ft.
Quantity:	Min 100 tons
Location:	ddp loaded truck Port of Houston for
	immediate delivery
Unit:	USD per short ton
Publication:	Once a month, last Thursday

## Stainless steel **Coil and sheet**

#### **MB-STS-0035**

#### Stainless steel 304 cold-rolled sheet fob mill US \$/cwt

	sheet, fob filli 03, ş/cwt
Quality:	Nickel 8.00-12.00%, chromium
	max. 17.50-20.00%, manganese
	max. 2.00%, carbon max. 0.08%.
	14-gauge (2mm) thick, 2B finish, 48-
	wide
Quantity:	Min 10 tons
Location:	fob US mill
Unit:	USD per hundredweight
Publication:	Monthly, 10th or next business day
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included

#### **MB-STS-0034**

#### Quality:

Quantity: Location: Unit: Publication: Notes:

#### Stainless steel 304L cold-rolled sheet, fob mill US, \$/cwt

Nickel 8.00-12.00%, chromium max. 17.50-20.00%, manganese max. 2.00%, carbon max. 0.03%. 14-gauge (2mm) thick, 2B finish, 48-wide Min 10 tons fob US mill USD per hundredweight Monthly, 10th or next business day Raw materials surcharges included

#### Unit: USD per short ton Publication: Monthly, last Friday

## Wire rod

**MB-STE-0203** 

Quality:

Quantity: Location:

MB-STE-0195	Steel wire rod (low carbon) import, ddp Houston, \$/short ton
Quality:	Commercial-quality steel wire rod
	within standard tolerances.
	ASTM A510 and equivalent. 5.0mm-
	19 mm thick. Cross section 0.22-
	0.56 inches. Other dimensions
	normalized.
Quantity:	Min 50 tons
Location:	ddp loaded truck Port of Houston for
	immediate delivery
Unit:	USD per short ton
Publication:	Once a month, third Tuesday



MB-STS-0037	Stainless steel 316L cold-rolled sheet, fob mill US, \$/cwt
Quality:	Nickel 10.00-14.00%, chromium
	16.00-18.00%, molybdenum 2.00-
	3.00%, manganese max. 2.00%,
	carbon max. 0.03%. 14-gauge (2mm)
	thick, 2B finish, 48-wide
Quantity:	Min 10 tons
Location:	fob US mill
Unit:	USD per hundredweight
Publication:	Monthly, 10th or next business day
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included

## Steel tube & pipe

#### **MB-STE-0020** Steel hollow sections ASTM A500 Grade B domestic, fob mill US, \$/short ton ASTM A500, Grade B. 4 inches x 4 Quality: inches x 3/16 inch gauge, 42-ft, hotrolled bare Quantity: Min 100 tons fob US mill Location: USD per short ton Unit: Publication: Weekly, Thursday Notes: Raw materials surcharges included **MB-STE-0851** Steel hollow sections ASTM 500 Grade B import, ddp US port of entry, \$/short ton ASTM A500, Grade B. 4 inches x 4 Quality: inches x 3/16 inch gauge, 42 ft, hotrolled bare Quantity: Min 100 tons ddp US port of entry Location: Unit: USD per short ton Publication: Monthly, last Tuesday Notes: Raw materials surcharges included **MB-STE-0090** Steel welded mechanical tubing ASTM A513, fob mill US, \$/short ton Quality: ASTM A513. 1 inch x 1 inch x 16 gauge, 20-24 ft, hot-rolled bare Quantity: Min 100 tons fob US mill Location: Unit: USD per short ton Publication: Monthly, last Tuesday Notes: Raw materials surcharges included

#### MB-STE-0023

#### Steel ERW standard pipe A53 Grade B, fob mill US, \$/short ton A53 grade B. 3.5-inch outside diameter x .216 wall thickness Min 100 tons fob US mill USD per short ton Monthly, last Tuesday Raw materials surcharges included

#### **MB-STE-0057**

Quality: Quantity: Location: Unit: Publication: Notes:

#### Grade B import, cif Houston, \$/short ton A53 grade B. 3.5-inch outside diameter x .216 wall thickness

Steel ERW standard pipe A53

Min 100 tons cif Port of Houston USD per short ton Monthly, last Tuesday Raw materials surcharges included

#### **MB-STE-0545**

Quality: Quantity: Location: Unit: Publication: Notes:

## **MB-STE-0871**

Quality: Quantity: Location: Unit: Publication: Notes:

#### **MB-STE-0872**

Quality: Quantity: Location: Unit: Publication: Notes:

#### Steel ERW line pipe (X52), fob mill US, \$/short ton

API 5L. 8-16 inch outside diameter Min 250 tons fob US mill USD per short ton Monthly, second Tuesday Raw materials surcharges included

#### Steel ERW line pipe (X52) import South Korean-made, cif Houston, \$/short ton

API 5L. 8-16 inch outside diameter 250 tons cif Port of Houston USD per short ton Monthly, second Tuesday Raw materials surcharges included Steel ERW line pipe (X52) import non-South Korean-made, cif

#### Houston, \$/short ton

API 5L. 8-16 inch outside diameter 250 tons cif Port of Houston USD per short ton Monthly, second Tuesday Raw materials surcharges included



MB-STE-0063	<b>Steel OCTG API 5CT - Casing J55,</b> <b>fob mill US, \$/short ton</b> API 5CT, BTC connection, 9.625-inch	MB-STE-0565	Steel welded OCTG API 5CT - Casing P110, import, cif Houston, \$/short ton
Quality:	diameter, 40 pounds per foot	Quality:	API 5CT, plain end. 5.5-inch
Quantity:	Min 500 tons mixed order	Quality.	diameter, 20 pounds per foot
Location:	fob US mill	Quantity:	Min 500 tons mixed order
Unit:	USD per short ton	Location:	cif Port of Houston
Publication:	Monthly, second Tuesday	Unit:	USD per short ton
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included	Publication:	Monthly, second Tuesday
		Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included
MB-STE-0869	Steel OCTG API 5CT - Casing J55		
	import South Korean-made, cif	MB-STE-0071	Steel seamless OCTG API 5CT -
	Houston, \$/short ton		Casing P110, fob mill US,
Quality:	API 5CT, plain end, 9.625-inch		\$/short ton
	diameter, 40 pounds per foot	Quality:	API 5CT, semi premium connection.
Location:	cif Port of Houston		5.5-inch diameter, 20 pounds per
Unit:	USD per short ton		foot
Quantity:	Min 500 tons mixed order	Quantity:	Min 500 tons mixed order
Publication:	Monthly, second Tuesday	Location:	fob US mill
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included	Unit:	USD per short ton
MB-STE-0870	Steel OCTG API 5CT - Casing J55	Publication:	Monthly, second Tuesday
	import non-South Korean-made,	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included
<b>a</b> 11	cif Houston, \$/short ton		
Quality:	API 5CT, plain end, 9.625-inch		
	diameter, 40 pounds per foot	MB-STE-0062	Steel seamless OCTG API 5CT -
Location:	cif Port of Houston		Casing P110, import, cif Houston,
Unit:	USD per short ton		\$/short ton
Quantity: Publication:	Min 500 tons mixed order	Quality:	API 5CT, plain end. 5.5-inch
Notes:	Monthly, second Tuesday	Quantity:	diameter, 20 pounds per foot Min 500 tons mixed order
Notes.	Raw materials surcharges included	Location:	cif Port of Houston
		Unit:	USD per short ton
MB-STE-0564	Steel welded OCTG APT 5CT -	Publication:	Monthly, second Tuesday
MB 312 0304	Casing P110, fob mill US,	Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included
	\$/short ton	10003.	New materials salenarges meladed
Quality:	API 5CT, semi-premium connection.		
	5.5-inch diameter, 20 pounds per	MB-STE-0059	Steel seamless line pipe - API 5L
	foot		import, cif Houston, \$/short ton
Quantity:	Min 500 tons mixed order	Quality:	API 5L, 4-8-inch outside diameter
Location:	fob US mill	Quantity:	Min 100 tons
Unit:	USD per short ton	Location:	cif Port of Houston
Publication:	Monthly, second Tuesday	Unit:	USD per short ton
Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included	Publication:	Monthly, second Tuesday
		Notes:	Raw materials surcharges included



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