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RMDAS™ Ferrous Scrap Price Index

Published since 2006, the RMDAS™ Ferrous Scrap Price Index provides regional “spot market” prices, generated from RMDAS participants’ actual purchase order data which represents a significant percentage of the ferrous scrap purchased in the US by steel mills and foundries. The data collected by RMDAS participants is transactional, order-level detail.

The RMDAS Ferrous Scrap Price Index provides aggregated weighted-average regional spot market prices for several widely-traded scrap commodities, best representing the “prompt” new production industrial scrap (generated by the metal working industry),

shredded “obsolescent” scrap, and heavy melting “cut” scrap sold to domestic steel producers each month. The RMDAS Index commodities reported are:

- **Prompt Industrial Composite** (average of #1 Busheling, #1 Bundles, and #1 Factory Bundles)
- **#2 Shredded** – fragmented obsolete scrap above .17 copper content
- **#1 Heavy Melting Steel** – prepared obsolete scrap – 5 ft and under

Prices are reported for the North Midwest, North Central/East and South regions in RMDAS, and the Total US, which is the aggregated total of these three regions.

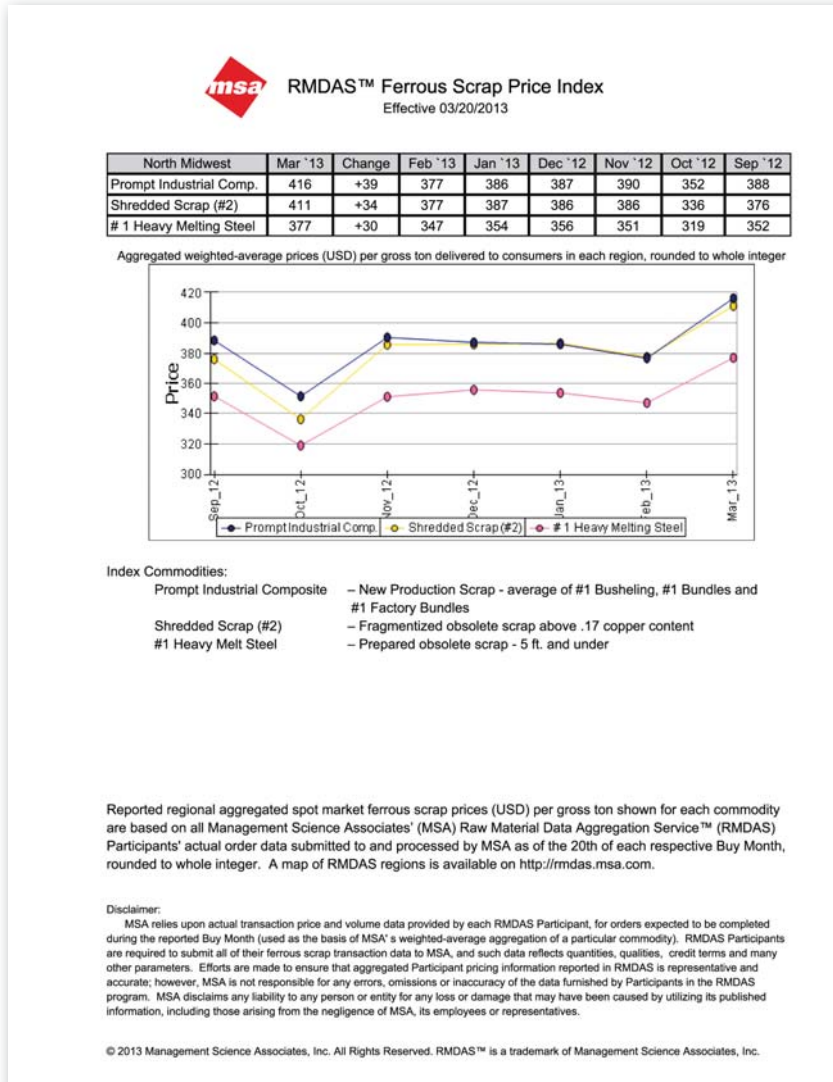


MSA’s reliable, transaction-based spot market prices (vs. survey or opinion-based prices) enable companies in the steel, foundry, manufacturing, metalworking and recycling industries to enter into more realistic regional formula-based, longer-term purchase and sales agreements, and/or to use as a raw material surcharge mechanism.

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