

Egg Economics Update #273

Monthly Egg Price Pattern for 2006 Midwest Urner-Barry and California Producer Prices

Commercial egg prices follow a fairly repeatable pattern each year with higher prices usually during the first and last 3 months and lower prices during the remainder of the year starting around Easter. Expressed as a percentage of the annual average, prices traditionally vary from 15-20% below or above the annual average price. In recent years, prices have displayed a wider than usual pattern between individual months. In 2003 and 2004, egg patterns were practically linear with increasing prices for the entire year in 2003 and decreasing prices in 2004. The monthly price pattern in 2005 returned to a more normal relationship. The five-year pattern shown in the table below still exists when we look at this longer period. The five-year pattern shown in column 13 will be used in our 2006 egg price forecasts.

Midwest UB Lg White

Columns												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Month	Midwest UB Lg White Cents/dozen						Monthly % of annual					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Av	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Av
J	77.5	74.7	83.4	120.3	70.0	85.2	112	105	91	139	102	110
F	75.1	66.2	78.4	111.0	71.7	80.5	108	93	85	128	105	104
M	<u>80.1</u>	82.0	84.1	<u>127.1</u>	64.0	<u>87.5</u>	116	116	91	147	93	113
A	75.3	60.5	81.2	93.4	60.0	74.1	109	85	88	108	88	96
M	61.4	58.2	72.5	77.9	57.1	65.4	89	82	79	90	83	85
J	60.8	70.3	81.9	80.8	59.6	70.7	88	99	89	93	87	91
J	64.1	67.6	85.4	75.1	67.6	72.0	93	95	93	87	99	93
A	65.6	70.7	100.1	66.6	61.0	72.8	95	100	109	77	89	94
S	61.2	67.4	98.1	68.6	77.7	74.6	88	95	106	79	113	96
O	68.6	69.3	105.0	62.7	65.6	74.2	99	98	114	72	96	96
N	72.8	<u>88.0</u>	<u>126.4</u>	75.4	80.2	88.6	105	124	137	87	114	113
D	68.6	79.7	112.5	80.1	<u>89.1</u>	86.0	99	112	122	92	130	111
Av.	69.3	71.0	92.2	86.7	68.5	77.6						

Midwest Urner Barry prices are provided courtesy of Urner Barry Publications, Tom's River, NJ

Boxed data represents the highest month for egg prices. Underlined data are the lowest months.

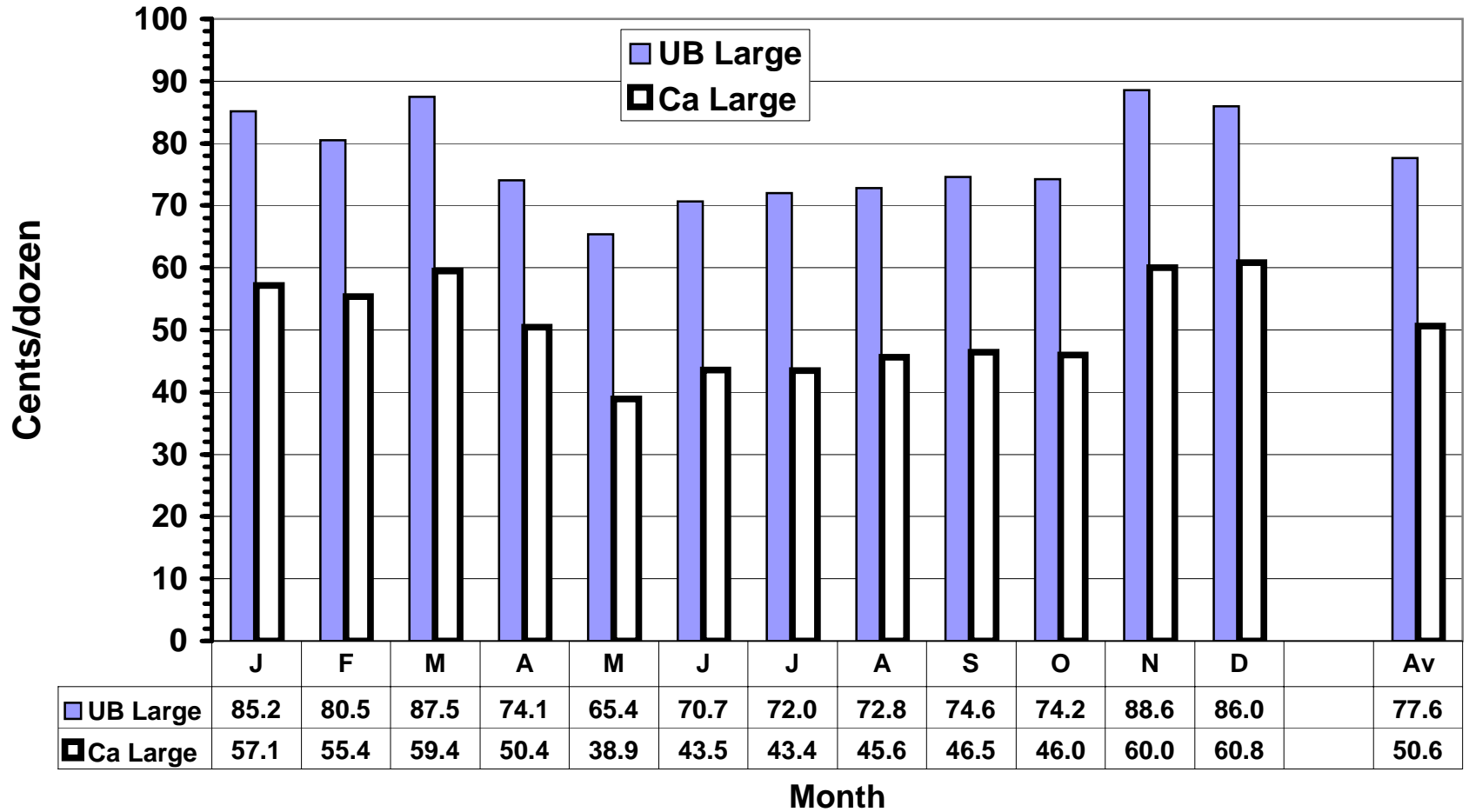
California Producer Large

Columns												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Month	Cents/dozen						Monthly % of annual					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Av	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Av
J	56.6	47.0	53.4	88.6	40.0	57.1	131	108	82	148	96	113
F	49.3	39.0	52.4	88.5	47.6	55.4	114	90	81	148	114	109
M	50.4	52.7	56.3	<u>99.7</u>	38.1	59.4	117	121	87	166	92	116
A	54.4	35.0	57.0	73.7	32.0	50.4	126	80	88	123	77	99
M	34.3	30.9	45.6	51.3	32.3	38.9	79	71	70	86	78	77
J	34.6	44.4	54.7	53.0	<u>30.9</u>	43.5	80	102	84	88	74	86
J	34.3	38.0	56.6	46.9	41.4	43.4	79	87	87	78	100	86
A	40.0	44.1	69.8	41.7	32.4	45.6	93	101	108	70	78	90
S	34.2	38.8	70.3	38.0	51.0	46.5	79	89	108	63	123	93
O	38.8	38.4	76.6	37.5	38.5	46.0	90	88	118	63	93	90
N	46.6	<u>59.2</u>	<u>95.5</u>	45.0	53.6	60.0	108	136	147	75	129	119
D	42.9	54.1	89.6	56.4	<u>61.2</u>	60.8	99	124	138	94	147	121
Av	43.2	43.5	64.8	60.0	41.6	50.6						

Column #13 will be used in forecasting monthly prices for 2006.

### Monthly Egg Price Pattern - US MW UB Large vs Ca Producer Lg

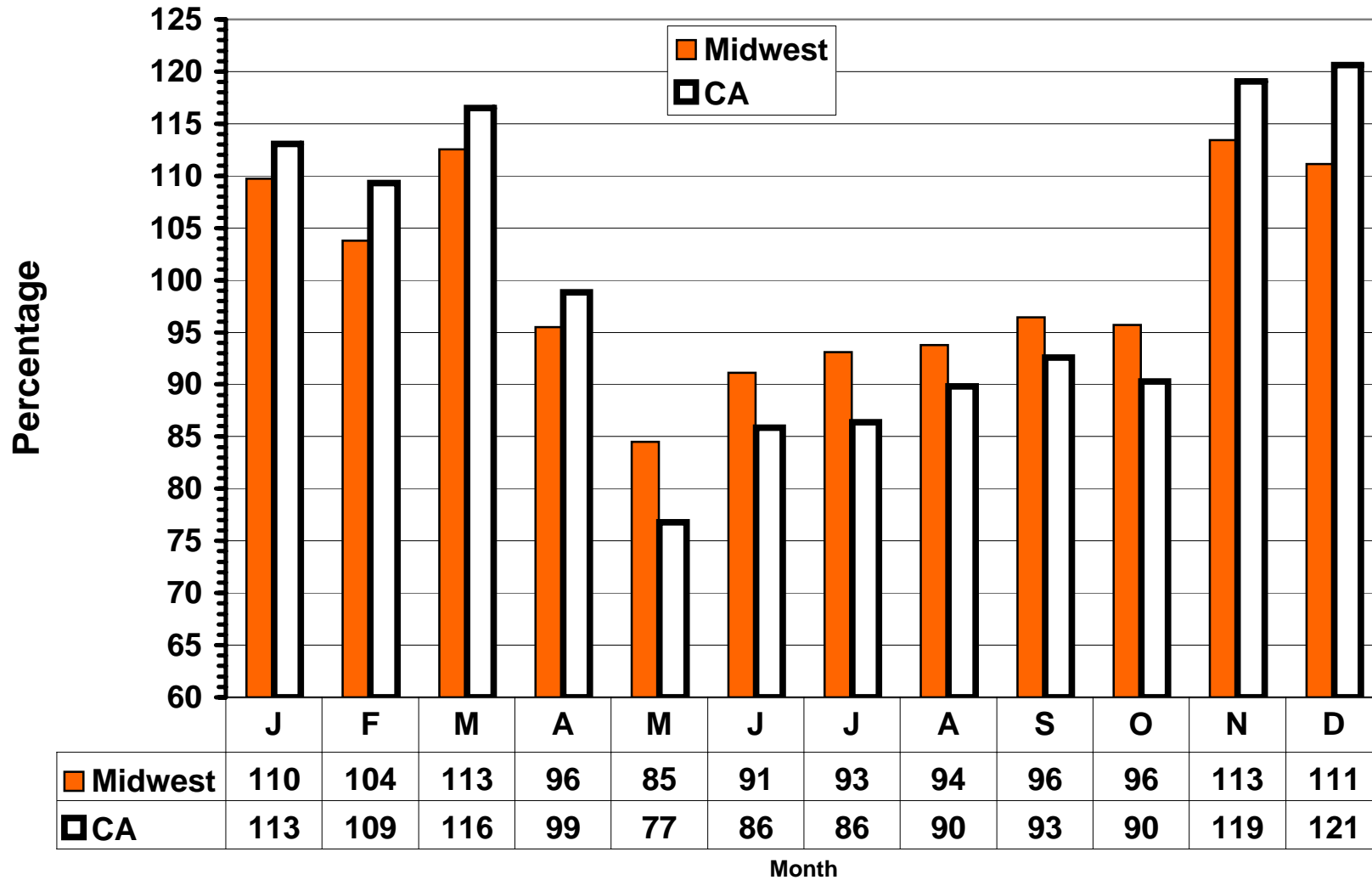
2001 to 2005



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### Percentage of Monthly Egg Prices to Annual Average - MW vs CA

2001 TO 2005



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