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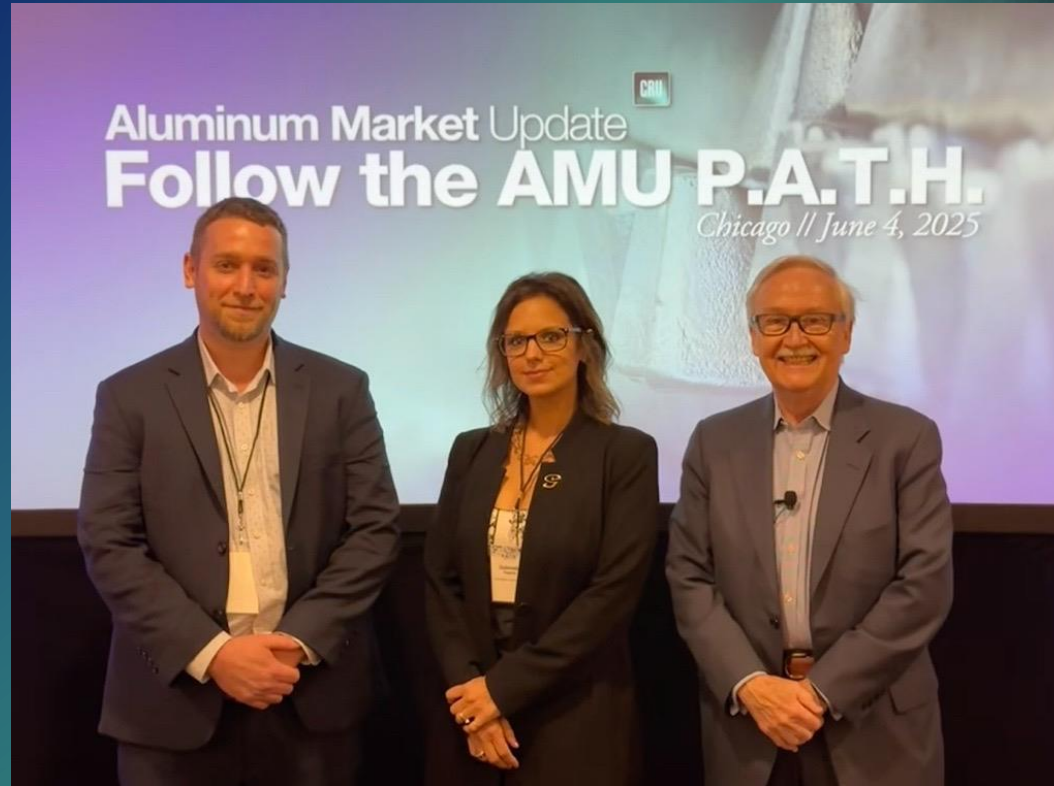
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Welcome to the AMU webinar

<https://www.aluminummarketupdate.crugroup.com/>

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of several aluminum extrusion profiles. These profiles are arranged in a row, showing their complex, multi-faceted shapes. The lighting is soft, highlighting the metallic texture and the precision of the extrusion process. The overall color palette is a mix of metallic grays and muted blues, which complements the teal overlay used for the text.

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Industry Trends Survey

Survey results:

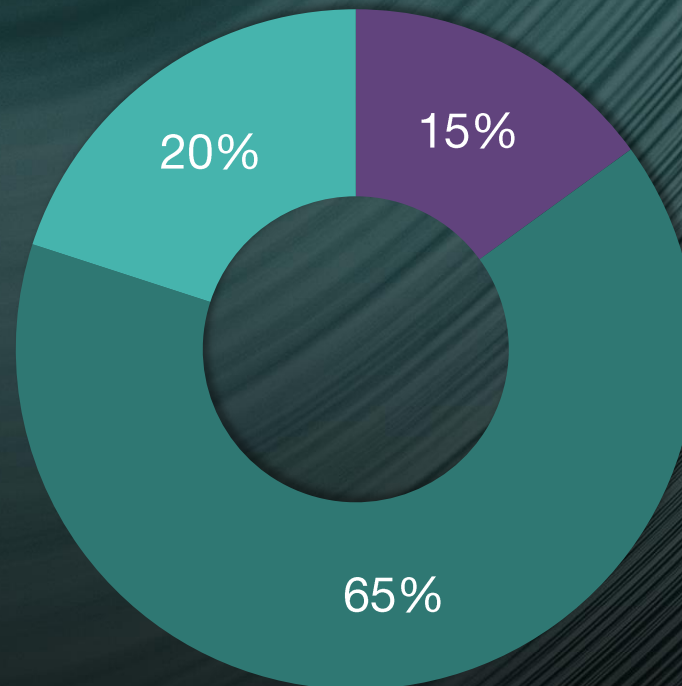
Market sentiment and trends analysis

May 30, 2025

Overall demand

How would you describe current demand for your products or services?

Improving Stable Declining



Survey comments

Producer:

“Domestic demand has been stable, but export business to Canada is on hold.”

Distributor:

“Lots of uncertainty in the demand and supply price side... everyone is in wait-and-see mode.”

Distributor:

“Drying down inventory”

Tariff Impact on Strategy

Distributor: “We’ve paused activity”

Producers: “Secondary aluminum shipments have been on hold since March”

Recyclers: “Too early to predict... but strategy is changing”

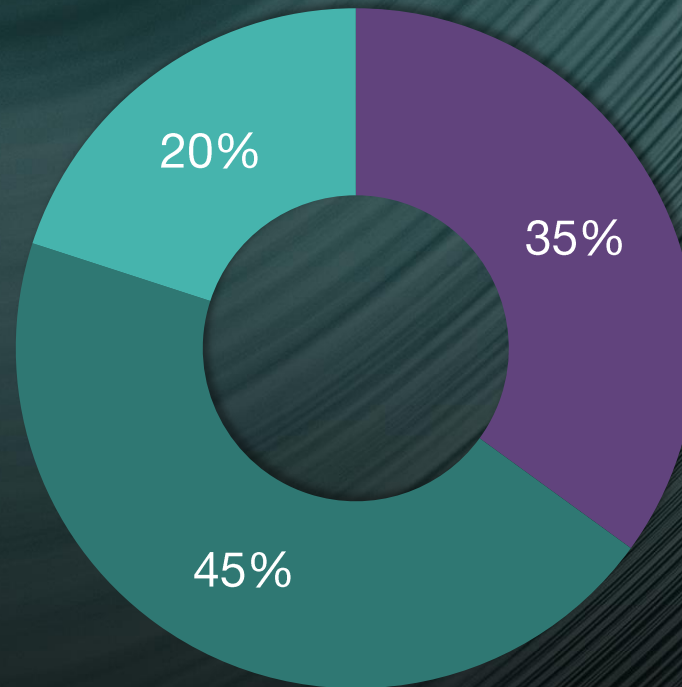
Price and Cost Expectations

One producer noted: “Ocean freight from UK to US dropped from \$8,000 to \$3,400 per container”

Future market supply balance

Three months from now, how do you see the balance of the market?

■ Oversupplied ■ Balanced ■ Undersupplied



When you need answers...

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Look for our next survey on June 18, 2025

If you would like to participate in our survey, please contact gabriella.vagnini@crugroup.com



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Midwest Premium: Then & Now

- Recent Midwest Premium History
- Today's Market Snapshot



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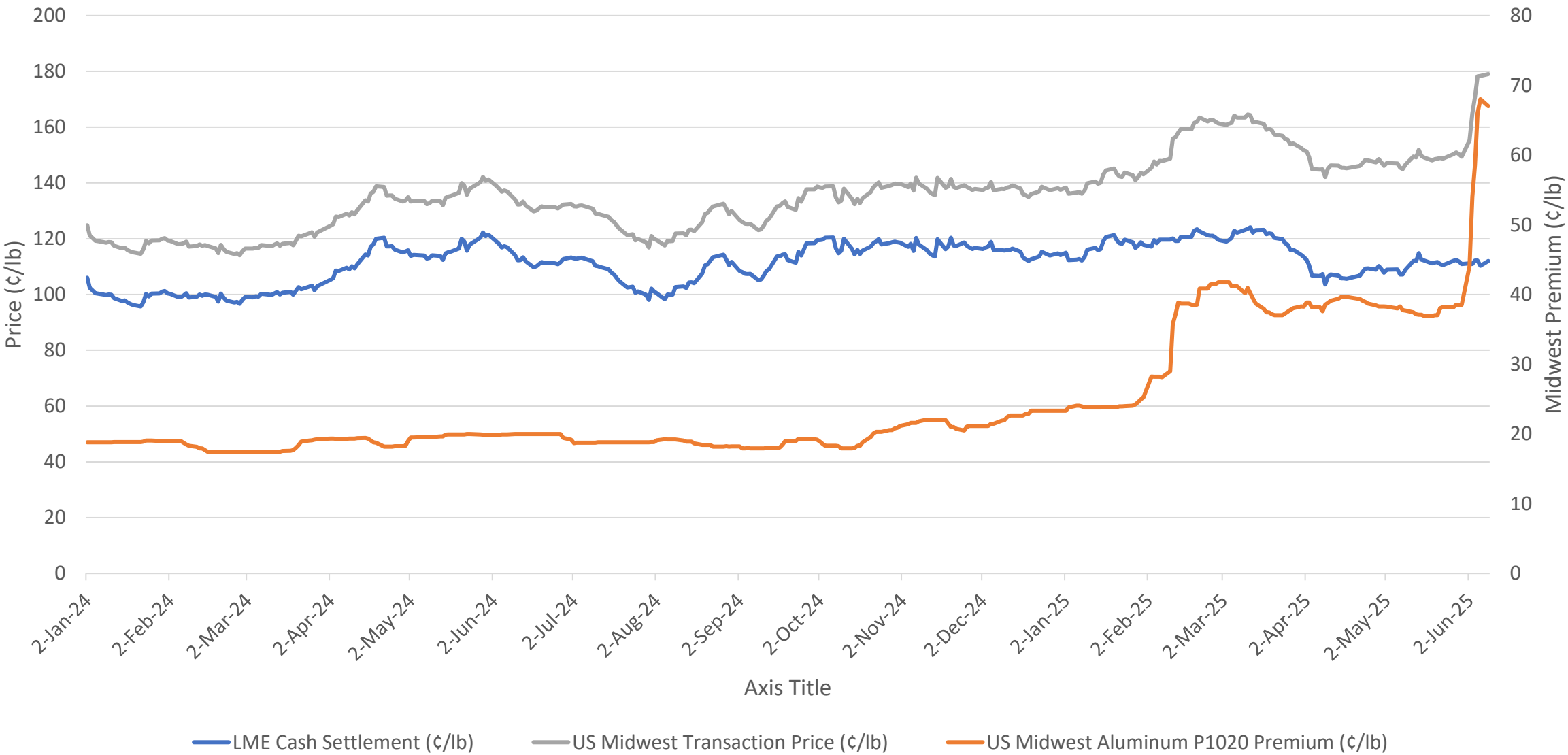
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Ripple Effects

- Scrap Market Impacts
- Semi-Fabricated Shifts

LME vs. Midwest Premium : Jan 2024 - June 2025



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“Landed Cost Method”

$$\text{Midwest Premium} = (\text{LME Cash} \times \text{Tariff Rate}) + \text{Logistics Base}$$

LME (\$/lb)	Tariff Rate	Base Premium	Tariff Cost	Midwest Premium
\$1.00/lb	50%	10-12¢/lb	50¢/lb	60-62¢/lb
\$1.05/lb	50%	10-12¢/lb	52.5¢/lb	62.5-64.5¢/lb
\$1.10/lb	50%	10-12¢/lb	55¢/lb	65-67¢/lb
\$1.15/lb	50%	10-12¢/lb	57.5¢/lb	67.5-69.5¢/lb
\$1.20/lb	50%	10-12¢/lb	60¢/lb	70-72¢/lb



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