



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)
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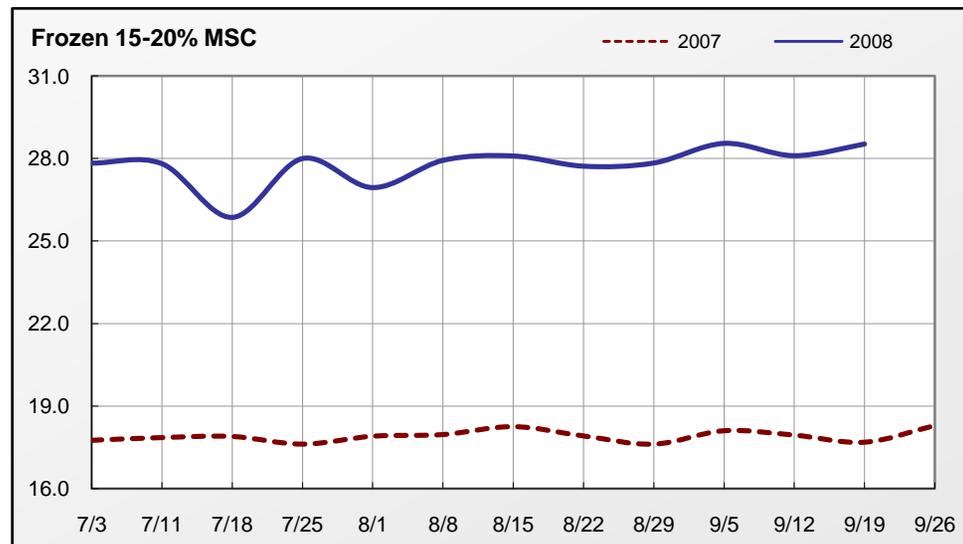
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were adequate to well cleared; frozen in close balance to tight and held with confidence. Demand for fresh and frozen product was fair to good. Supplies of raw materials were close. Domestic and export trading was moderate to good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. Schedules were seasonally normal with a few disruptions due to equipment issues and storm impacts. Very few buyers and sellers have begun 2009 contract negotiation discussions this and last week with little to report. The majority are waiting until October and November to begin, though it is on everyone's minds.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	19-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year	19-Sep-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		28.00	18.00	27.00 - 27.50	27.00 - 27.50	13.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price		28.00	18.00	27.13	27.14	15.57
Volume Traded	-	156	261	302	282	469
Volume Exported	-	156	261	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.00 - 35.00	24.00 - 32.00	16.00-21.00	18.00 - 27.00	18.00 - 27.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.53	28.10	18.29	21.99	21.98	13.00
Volume Traded	1,926	1,964	1,008	3,209	3,487	2,208
Volume Exported	1,726	1,318	988	1,223	1,013	286
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	80	80	80
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2007	Aug 2008	Jul 2008	Aug 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	29.00	30.00	18.35	25.52	23.72	15.94
Volume Traded	320	40	1,260	1,508	647	2,030
Volume Exported	280	-	1,097	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.61	27.53	17.96	21.74	20.16	12.77
Volume Traded	7,046	5,069	7,270	14,374	12,334	10,697
Volume Exported	5,761	4,269	6,564	2,757	2,830	2,336
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	522	-	440
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

