Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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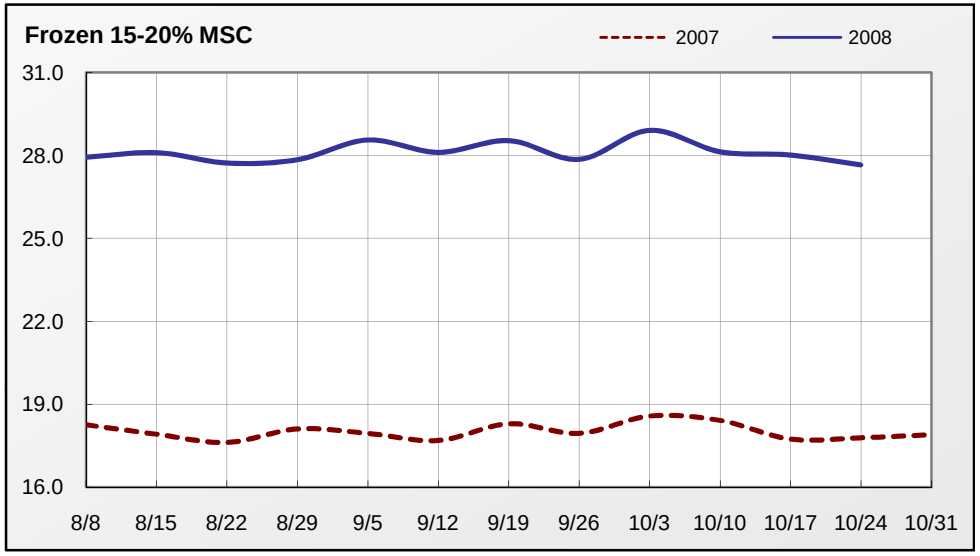
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

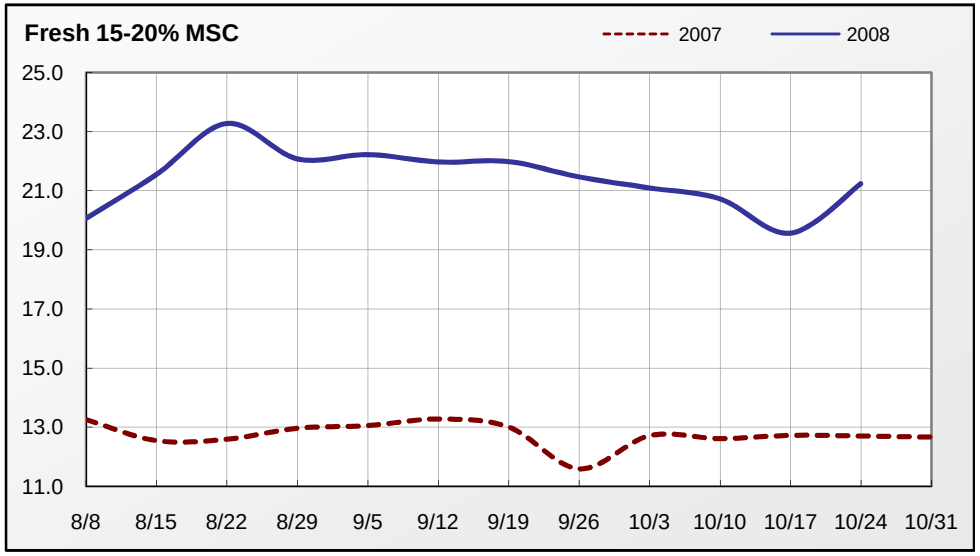
The MSC market tone was generally steady on fresh 15-20%; steady to fully steady on the balance. Supplies of fresh 15-20% was noted as slightly more available but was mostly adequate overall with the balance adequate to close. Fresh demand was fair to moderate; frozen moderate to good. Supplies of raw materals remained tight. Domestic and export trading was at least moderatel. Buyers and sellers have begun contract negotiations for 2009.

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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	24-Oct-08	Last Week	Last Year	24-Oct-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	32.00		18.00	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.00		18.00	24.80	24.73	15.84
Volume Traded	40	-	262	201	221	800
Volume Exported	-	-	262	-	-	52
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 32.00	22.00 - 32.00	16.00-21.00	18.00 - 24.00	16.50 - 25.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.65	28.01	17.78	21.24	19.56	12.70
Volume Traded	916	1,066	2,090	1,429	1,908	3,103
Volume Exported	676	783	1,910	110	469	695
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	21.00	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	122	120
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Sep 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2007	Sep 2008	Aug 2008	Sep 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	27.49	29.00	18.11	27.17	25.52	15.74
Volume Traded	316	320	1,085	1,148	1,508	1,569
Volume Exported	316	280	1,045	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.25	27.61	17.91	21.88	21.74	12.71
Volume Traded	6,260	7,046	4,760	12,855	14,374	7,665
Volume Exported	5,142	5,761	4,500	3,915	2,757	2,166
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	13.83
Volume Traded	-	-	-	322	522	483
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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