Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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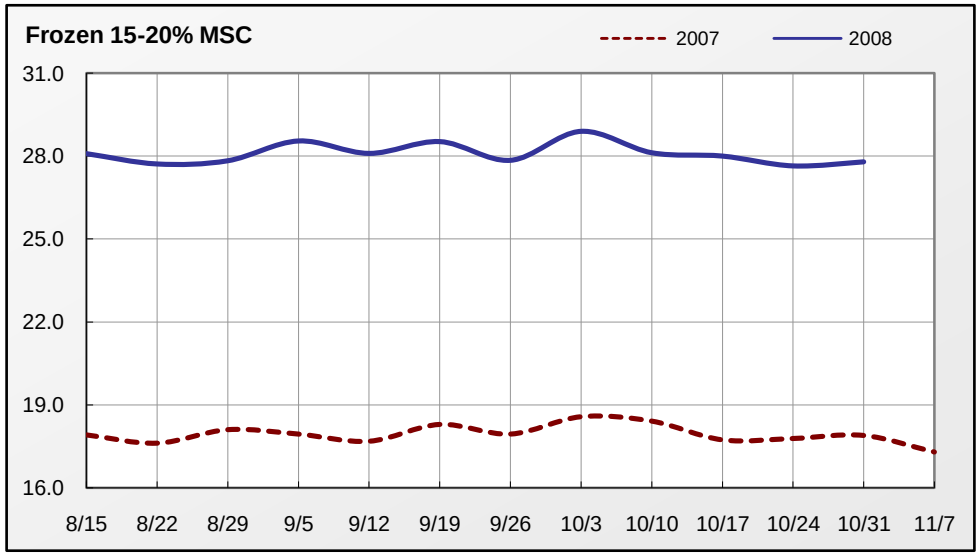
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

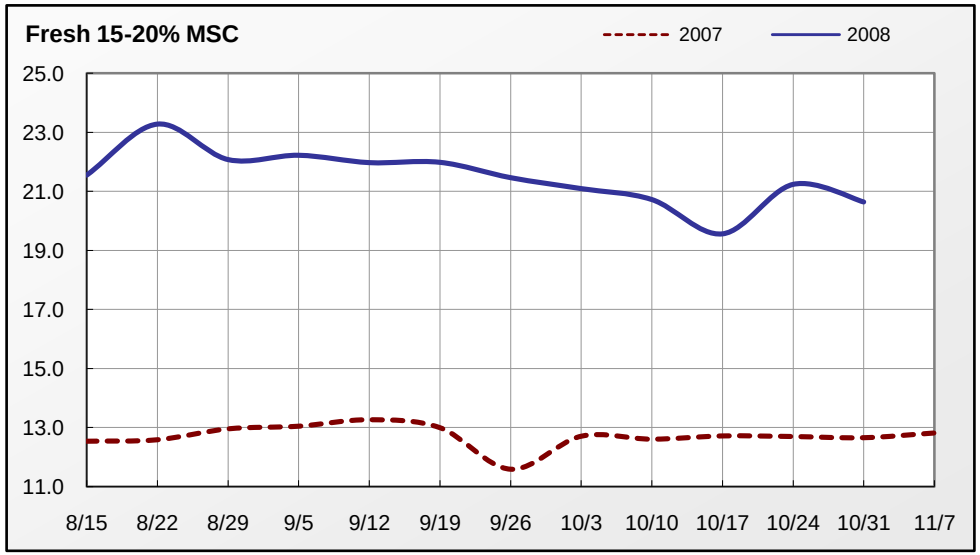
The MSC market tone was generally steady on all fat contents. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were noted as slightly more available, but were mostly adequate overall with the balance adequate to close. Fresh demand was fair while frozen was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materals remained close. Domestic and export trading was at least moderate. Contract negotiations for 2009 are underway with very little commited at mixed levels, which were unchanged to higher than 2008 commitments on fresh 15-20% and higher on frozen 15-20% and fresh 15% or less. Otherwise 2009 contract negotiations were at a stalemate. Frame values were steady ranging mostly 9-11 cents FOB.

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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	31-Oct-08	Last Week	Last Year	31-Oct-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		32.00	18.00	23.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	15.50-16.00
Wtd Avg Price		32.00	18.00	24.73	24.80	15.84
Volume Traded	-	40	268	282	201	558
Volume Exported	-	-	268	-	-	52
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 31.00	24.00 - 32.00	16.00-21.00	16.50 - 24.00	18.00 - 24.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.80	27.65	17.89	20.64	21.24	12.66
Volume Traded	1,026	916	1,858	2,980	1,429	3,307
Volume Exported	786	676	1,538	849	110	1,265
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	21.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	20.00	21.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	80	82	80
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.