Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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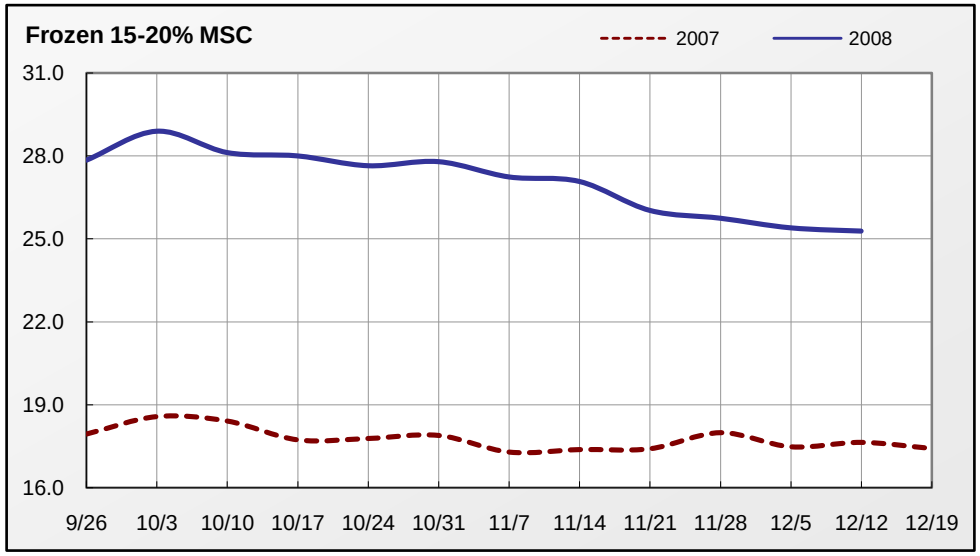
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies were adequate to close. Demand was fairly good to good. Raw materials continue tight. Trading was moderate to good with most export activity from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. Contracts for the 2009 season were generally finished with pricing unchanged to higher, mostly moderately to sharply higher on fresh 15-20% and sharply higher on the balance. Schedules were seasonally normal with production cutbacks noted throughout December. Frame values were steady ranging 8-11 cents FOB, mostly 10-11 FOB; contracts for 2009 were at higher levels as well.

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

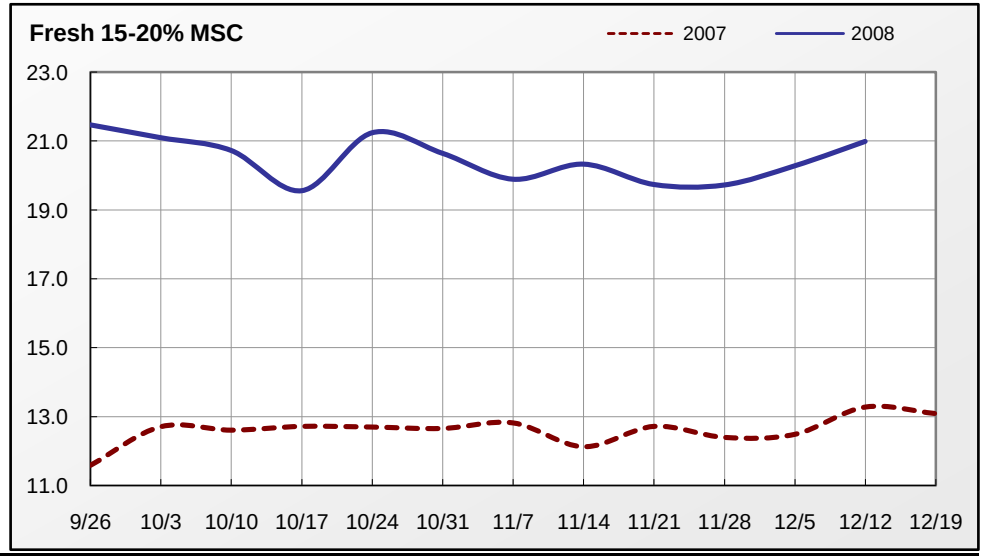
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	12-Dec-08	Last Week	Last Year	12-Dec-08	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	26.00		16.00-17.50	24.00 - 26.00	22.00 - 25.50	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.00		16.76	24.77	23.99	15.91
Volume Traded	118	-	424	342	337	439
Volume Exported	118	-	424	-	116	-
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 30.00	24.00 - 30.00	16.00-21.00	19.00 - 28.00	18.00 - 26.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.28	25.40	17.64	20.99	20.28	13.28
Volume Traded	2,587	1,472	2,276	4,066	4,685	3,859
Volume Exported	2,547	1,432	2,196	835	713	787
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.50	21.00	-
Wtd Avg Price			-	21.50	21.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007	Nov 2008	Oct 2008	Nov 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	24.00	31.17	16.76	24.28	25.55	15.67
Volume Traded	322	240	1,234	1,443	1,147	2,494
Volume Exported	160	200	1,234	220	-	104
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	26.34	28.16	17.53	19.96	20.67	12.54
Volume Traded	5,394	6,422	12,989	11,870	11,659	15,504
Volume Exported	4,961	4,939	12,305	1,921	3,047	5,429
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	20.80	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	366	404	240
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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