



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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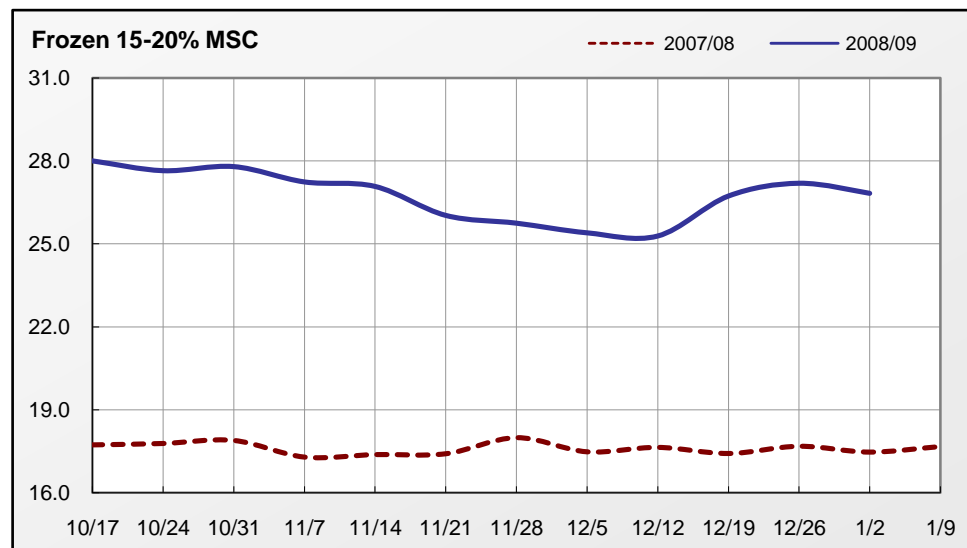
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies were adequate to well cleared. Demand was moderate to fairly good following the holiday. Raw materials were tight with good interest. Trading was moderate to good with most export activity from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. New contracts begin this and next week at unchanged to higher, mostly moderately to sharply higher prices on fresh 15-20% and sharply higher prices on the balance. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Frame values were steady trading mostly between 10-11 cents FOB with new contracts starting at higher levels as well.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	2-Jan-09	Last Week	Last Year	2-Jan-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			15.50	25.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 27.00	15.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price			15.50	25.66	25.65	15.67
Volume Traded	-	-	54	236	269	361
Volume Exported	-	-	54	55	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.00 - 32.00	24.00 - 33.00	16.00-21.00	19.75 - 26.00	19.75 - 28.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.83	27.20	17.47	21.57	21.49	13.21
Volume Traded	802	1,122	1,663	3,061	2,025	2,420
Volume Exported	682	922	1,543	756	184	216
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.00	21.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	80	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007	Dec 2008	Nov 2008	Dec 2007
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	26.00	24.00	16.31	24.96	24.28	15.79
Volume Traded	118	322	897	1,360	1,443	1,534
Volume Exported	118	160	897	226	220	54
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	25.95	26.34	17.48	20.81	19.96	12.89
Volume Traded	6,646	5,394	9,209	14,306	11,870	11,946
Volume Exported	6,126	4,961	8,640	2,488	1,921	3,085
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	21.17	21.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	243	366	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

