Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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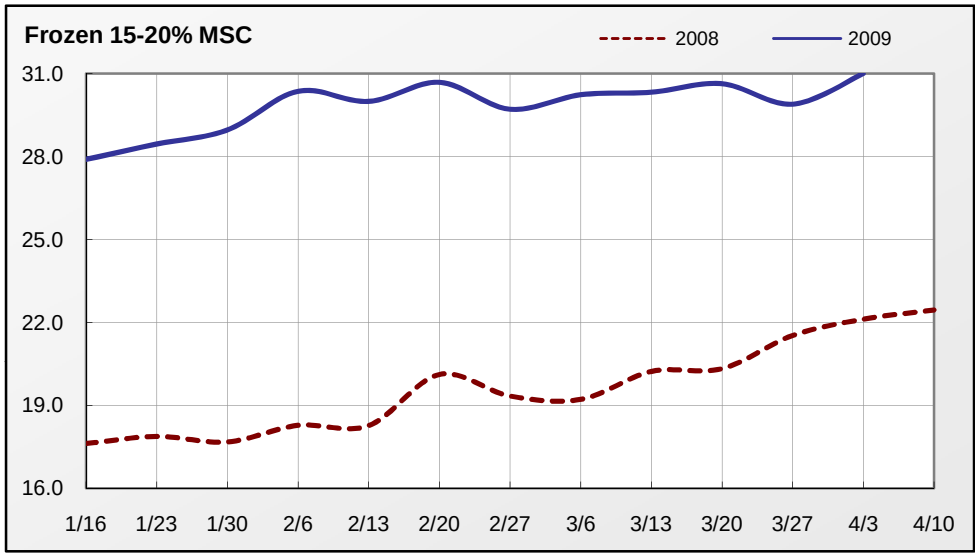
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

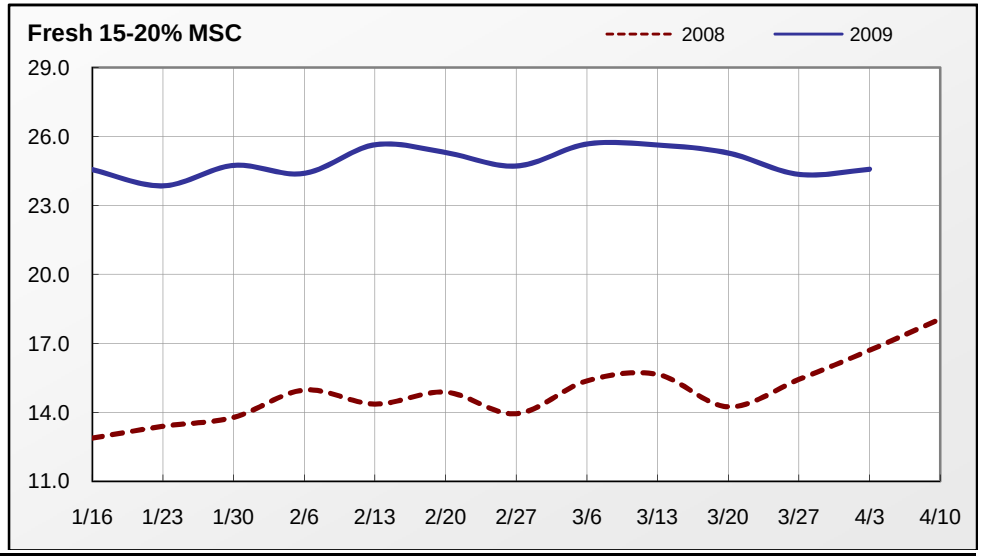
The market tone for fresh 15-20% MSC was mostly steady; steady to fully steady on the balance. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were balanced to adequate. The remainder of fat contents were noted as barely adequate. Some anticipated reductions are expected in the coming weeks. Supplies of raw materials continued close. Demand was at least moderate to instances good with some resistance noted at current price levels. Most export activity into the Caribbean and Central American countries with good inquiry noted from Asia; Mexico slowing. Schedules were mixed. Frames values were steady trading mostly between 11-13 cents FOB.

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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	3-Apr-09	Last Week	Last Year	3-Apr-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			22.00	28.00 - 29.00	28.00 - 32.00	20.00-22.00
Wtd Avg Price			22.00	28.19	29.22	20.40
Volume Traded	-	-	55	212	354	303
Volume Exported	-	-	55	52	55	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 36.00	27.00 - 34.00	16.00-25.50	20.00 - 32.00	20.00 - 28.00	14.00-22.00
Wtd Avg Price	31.00	29.89	22.11	24.58	24.35	16.70
Volume Traded	5,083	1,994	3,031	3,488	2,519	3,354
Volume Exported	5,001	1,994	1,998	163	694	979
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	16.75
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.00	16.75
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	18.77	28.56	28.22	19.04
Volume Traded	-	-	215	1,208	1,101	1,010
Volume Exported	-	-	215	217	214	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.27	30.12	20.43	25.26	25.03	15.08
Volume Traded	6,474	6,505	7,601	11,295	14,414	7,548
Volume Exported	5,620	5,044	6,640	2,815	4,447	899
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	23.00	17.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	326	325	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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