Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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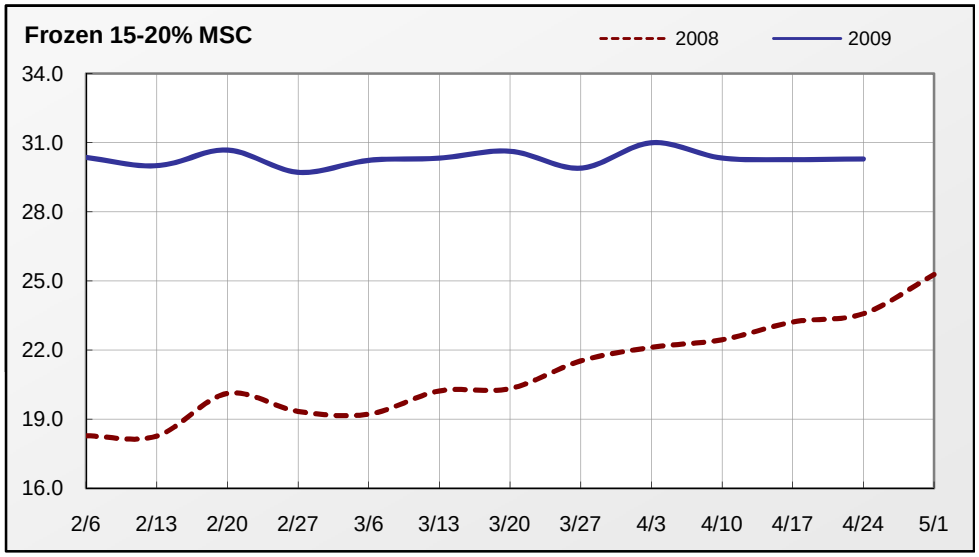
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

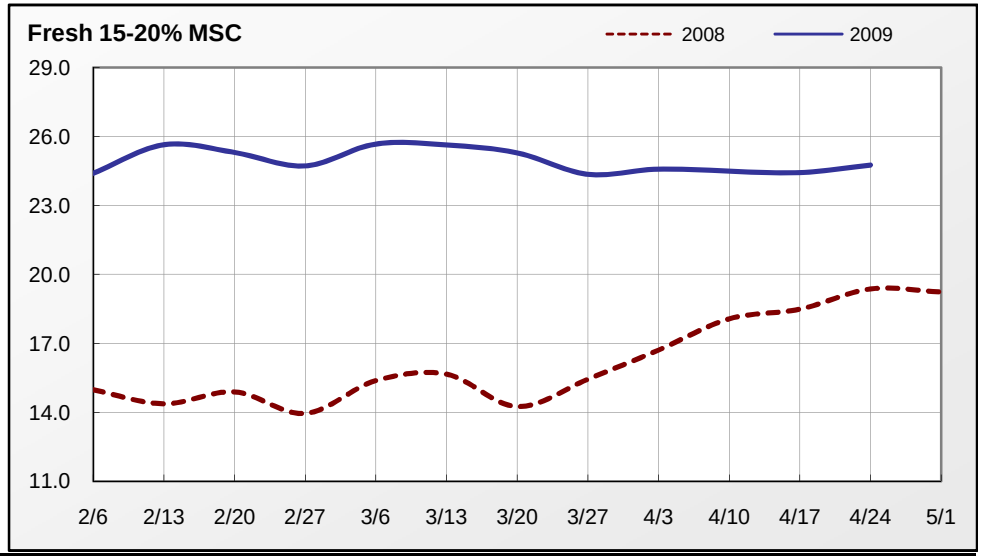
The market tone for all fat contents was mostly steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were sufficient for current needs. The remainder of fat contents were noted as adequate to close. Supplies of raw materials were remained balanced to tight. Demand was mixed, ranging fair to instances good. Most export activity was noted into Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central American countries. Schedules were mostly normal.

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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	24-Apr-09	Last Week	Last Year	24-Apr-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		33.00	22.00	28.00 - 30.00	28.00 - 30.00	23.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price		33.00	22.00	28.46	28.63	23.90
Volume Traded	-	40	54	174	214	181
Volume Exported	-	-	54	54	54	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 35.00	20.00-28.00	22.00 - 28.00	21.50 - 28.00	14.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.29	30.26	23.57	24.75	24.42	19.36
Volume Traded	1,471	2,382	1,547	2,300	3,509	2,800
Volume Exported	1,161	2,062	1,507	571	898	509
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	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.