Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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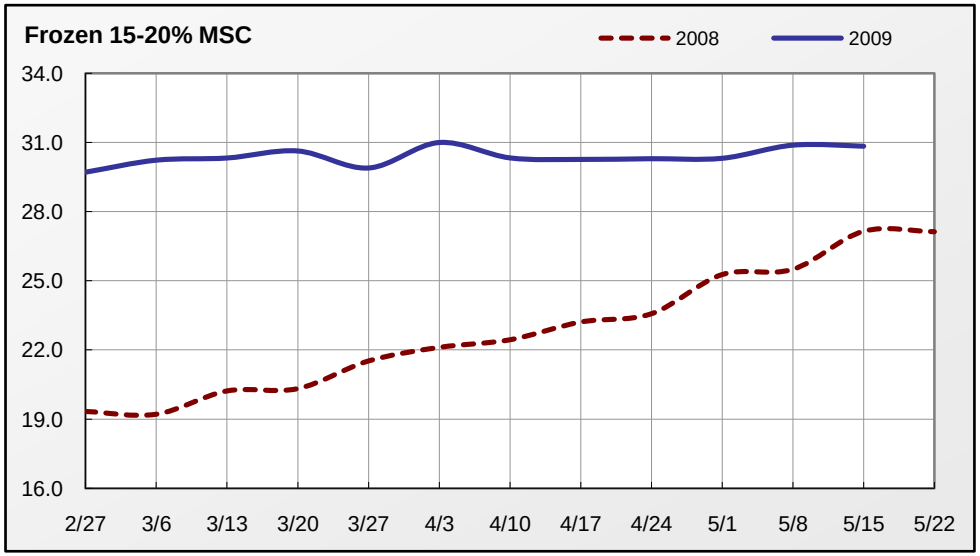
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

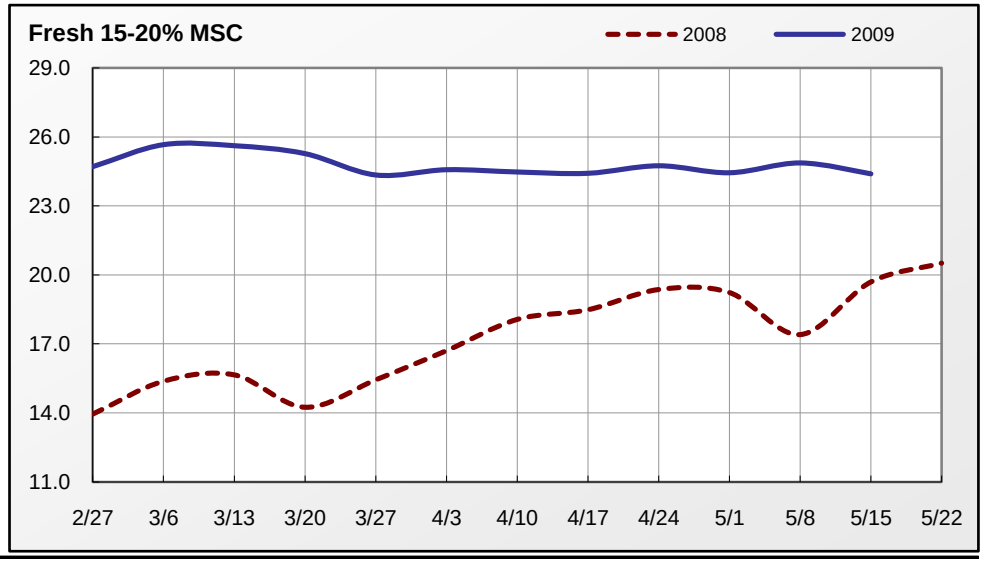
The market tone for all fat contents was mostly steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were sufficient for current needs and clearing with the remainder of fat contents adequate to close. Many industry players continue to anticipate some supply changes with recent plant closings and ongoing production cutbacks. Supplies of raw materials were adequate to tight. Export demand was good, while domestically it was fair to moderate and spotty depending on end users varying production schedules; most interest centered on frozen. Exports continue to be most active into Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed, ranging seasonally normal in preparation for the Memorial Day holiday to short due to some equipment issues. Frame values were steady ranging between 9-13 cents FOB.

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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	15-May-09	Last Week	Last Year	15-May-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			24.00-28.00	28.00 - 30.00	28.00 - 30.00	23.50-25.00
Wtd Avg Price			25.74	29.29	29.22	24.29
Volume Traded	-	-	92	418	276	141
Volume Exported	-	-	52	55	54	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 35.00	21.00-30.00	20.00 - 28.00	22.00 - 28.00	15.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.83	30.88	27.15	24.40	24.87	19.69
Volume Traded	1,061	1,318	1,790	2,224	3,085	3,047
Volume Exported	901	1,038	1,590	734	1,387	755
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Apr 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2008	Apr 2009	Mar 2009	Apr 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	33.00	-	20.77	28.65	28.56	21.89
Volume Traded	40	-	216	937	1,208	912
Volume Exported	-	-	216	215	217	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.61	30.27	22.69	24.54	25.26	18.04
Volume Traded	11,295	6,474	7,926	12,147	11,295	12,004
Volume Exported	10,263	5,620	6,493	1,795	2,815	3,263
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	18.43
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	326	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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