

Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.) **Agricultural Marketing Service**

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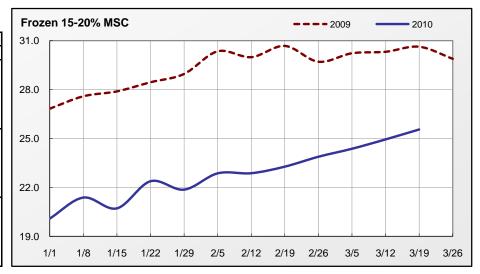
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The market tone on frozen 15-20% was fully steady to firm and mostly steady on the balance of fat contents. Supplies of frozen 15-20% were tight, fresh 15-20% adequate, and about adequate on the remainder. Supplies of raw materials were closely balanced to tight. Export and domestic demand was fair to instances good on fresh 15-20% and moderate to good on frozen 15-20%. Buyer interest and trading out front on frozen 15-20% remains very good with firm trading levels and asking prices. MSC was receiving best call and movement into the Caribbean and Central American countries; Mexico continues to be seasonally quiet. Schedules were mostly normal with some variability noted due to issues with equipment and the availability of raw material. Frame values were fully steady with trading levels ranging 8-12 cents FOB, mostly 9-10 cents FOB.

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

	Frozen				Fresh			
Fat Content	19-Mar-10	Last Week	Last Year	19-Mar-10	Last Week	Last Year		
15% or Less								
Price Range			-	25.00	23.00	28.00-29.00		
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.00	23.00	28.56		
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	102	242		
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	54		
15-20%								
Price Range	23.00 - 28.00	21.00 - 28.00	27.00-35.00	16.00 - 22.00	17.50 - 25.00	20.00-29.00		
Wtd Avg Price	25.56	24.95	30.63	19.60	19.54	25.28		
Volume Traded	1,223	1,133	1,878	2,968	2,938	3,139		
Volume Exported	1,163	1,053	1,398	306	306	694		
20% or More								
Price Range	-	-	-	19.00	19.00	22.00		
Wtd Avg Price			-	19.00	19.00	22.00		
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	82		
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-		



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	24.50	24.00	-	19.93	18.78	28.22
Volume Traded	40	80	-	1,182	1,689	1,101
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	214
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	23.18	21.31	30.12	17.96	17.57	25.03
Volume Traded	7,348	6,700	6,505	18,692	15,974	14,414
Volume Exported	5,815	5,940	5,044	4,039	2,162	4,447
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	16.63	16.08	23.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	326	530	325
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



