

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

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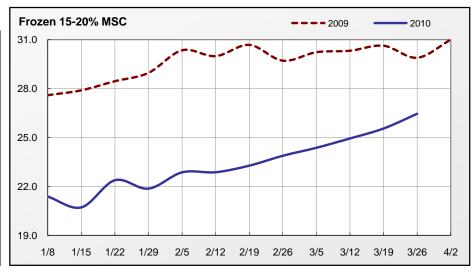
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

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 in close balance to tight, fresh 15-20% adequate, and about adequate on the remainder. Supplies of raw materials were close. Export and domestic demand was light to moderate on fresh 15-20% and moderate to good on frozen 15-20%. Best movement continues into the Caribbean and Central American countries; Mexico was seasonally quiet with many preparing for a slow week next week for Easter. Interest and trading on frozen 15-20% out front remains good with firm trading levels and asking prices. Schedules were generally normal. 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	26-Mar-10	Last Week	Last Year	26-Mar-10	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	25.00	25.00	28.00-32.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.00	25.00	29.22
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	143	354
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	55
15-20%						
Price Range	23.00 - 30.00	23.00 - 28.00	27.00-34.00	17.00 - 22.00	16.00 - 22.00	20.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.46	25.56	29.89	19.57	19.60	24.35
Volume Traded	2,016	1,223	1,994	3,978	2,968	2,519
Volume Exported	1,736	1,163	1,994	877	306	694
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	19.00	19.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	19.00	19.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	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	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

