Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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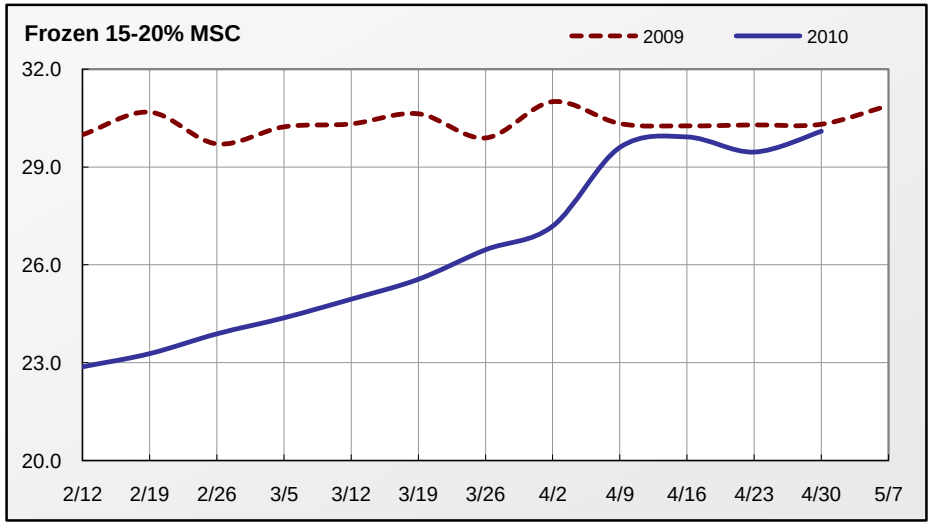
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The market tone for fresh and frozen 15-20% was steady to fully steady with the balance of fat contents steady. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% were balanced to fully adequate with the remainder generally sufficient. Supplies of raw materials were about adequate and clearing. The spot marketplace remains unsettled and unpredictable as price and supply fluxuations stemming from production irregularities and typical seasonal patterns create short term opportunities. Export and domestic demand on frozen 15-20% was moderate to instances good with some slowed interest noted; fresh 15-20% was mixed ranging light to instances good. Frozen 15-20% continues to receive best call into Central America and the Caribbean. Mexico was light with relative improvement noted in demand though some continue to experience slow finished product sales and credit issues. Schedules continue normal to irregular with varying disruptions noted. Frame values were steady with trading levels ranging 7-11 cents FOB.

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

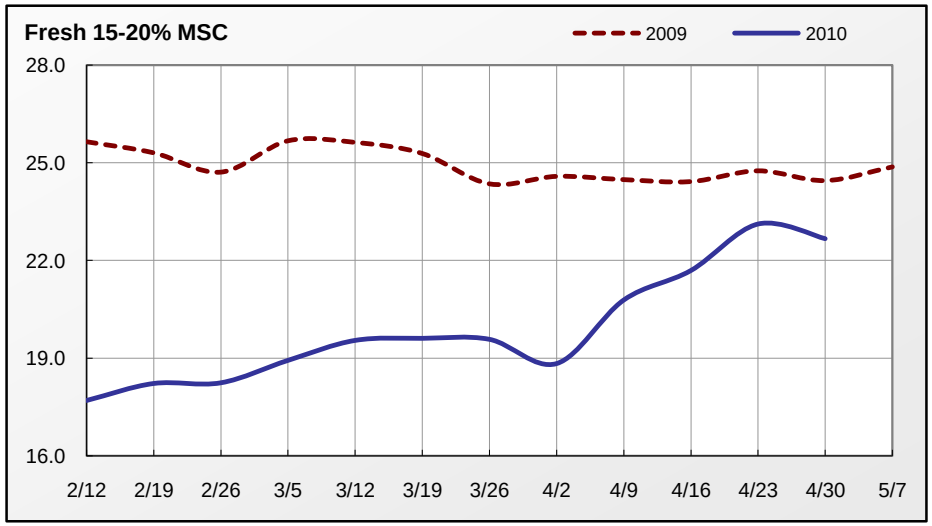
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	30-Apr-10	Last Week	Last Year	30-Apr-10	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		32.00	-	26.00	25.00 - 26.00	27.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price		32.00	-	26.00	25.77	28.71
Volume Traded	-	40	-	91	213	419
Volume Exported	-	-	-	50	50	55
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 33.00	24.50 - 33.00	27.00-35.00	18.00 - 30.00	18.00 - 30.00	19.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.09	29.45	30.31	22.66	23.11	24.45
Volume Traded	1,758	1,838	2,539	5,467	6,833	3,552
Volume Exported	1,558	1,718	2,059	367	408	1,020
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	20.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	20.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2009	Mar 2010	Feb 2010	Mar 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	25.00	24.50	-	23.30	19.93	28.56
Volume Traded	40	40	-	408	1,182	1,208
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	217
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	25.48	23.18	30.27	19.37	17.96	25.26
Volume Traded	5,689	7,348	6,474	14,453	18,692	11,295
Volume Exported	4,937	5,815	5,620	1,958	4,039	2,815
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	18.50	16.63	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	326	326
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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