Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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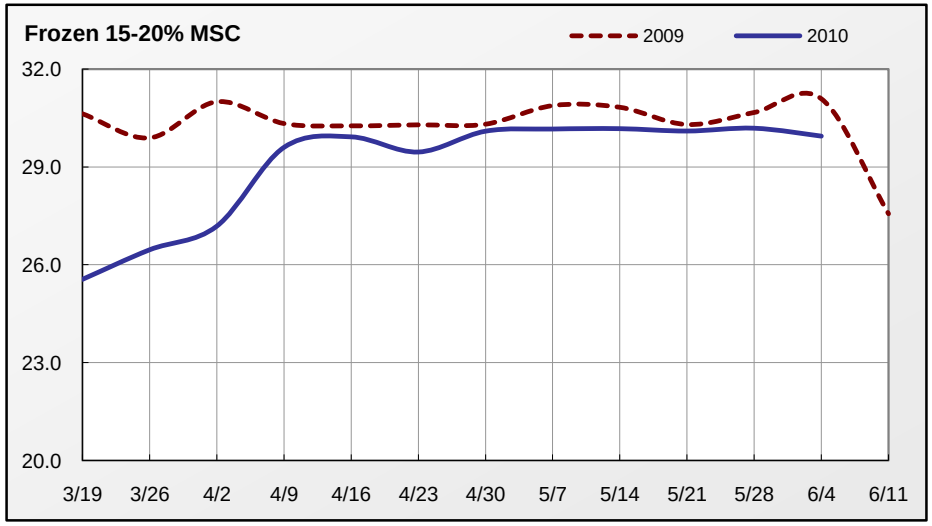
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The price trend for fresh and frozen 15-20% MSC was steady to lower with the balance of fat contents steady. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% were moderate to heavy with the remainder of fat contents moderate. Schedules were seasonally normal. Export and domestic demand on frozen 15-20% was moderate and light on fresh 15-20%. MSC moved best into countries in the Caribbean and Central America with very light interest and movement into Mexico. Market activity was slow to moderate following the Memorial Day holiday as many were buying hand to mouth. The marketplace was mixed with some noting increased availability of frames for sale or going to rendering, while others were working to cover regular orders on a short week. Many are watching the protein complex closely these next few weeks to see how things unfold as we begin to prepare for the season's traditional peak. Supplies of raw materials were heavy. Frame values were steady to lower with trading levels ranging 6.5-10 cents FOB, mostly 8 cents FOB.

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

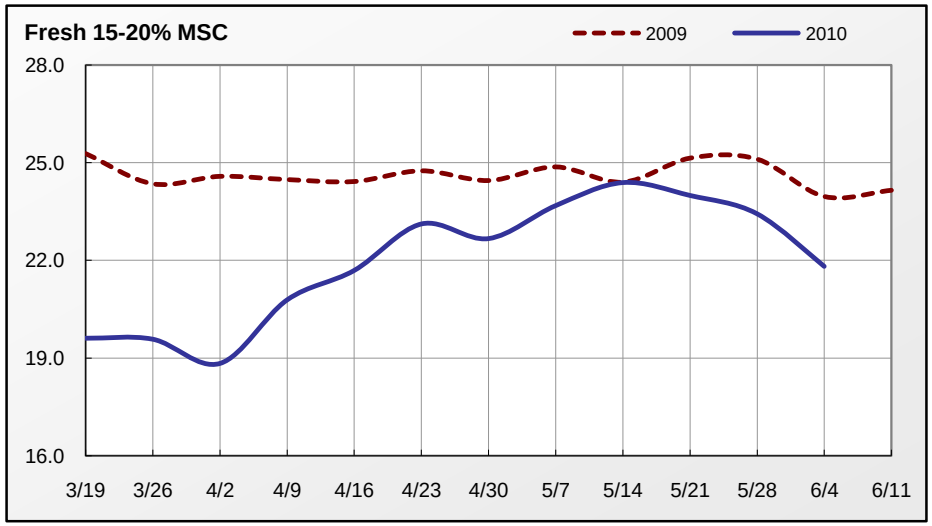
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	4-Jun-10	Last Week	Last Year	4-Jun-10	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		32.00	-	26.00 - 28.00	26.00-31.00	29.00-31.00
Wtd Avg Price		32.00	-	27.20	26.96	29.60
Volume Traded	-	40	-	136	213	336
Volume Exported	-	-	-	54	50	54
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 33.00	28.00 - 33.00	27.00-35.00	18.00 - 26.00	15.00 - 28.00	17.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.94	30.18	31.09	21.81	23.43	23.96
Volume Traded	1,522	1,714	1,055	3,519	2,774	2,599
Volume Exported	1,266	1,402	935	41	41	734
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.00	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	May 2010	Apr 2010	May 2009	May 2010	Apr 2010	May 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	32.00	31.00	-	26.28	26.18	29.12
Volume Traded	40	120	-	718	679	1,947
Volume Exported	-	-	-	100	100	272
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.15	29.13	30.53	23.90	21.83	24.83
Volume Traded	7,357	10,639	7,835	15,816	22,877	16,136
Volume Exported	6,645	9,319	6,515	2,407	1,795	5,916
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	20.20	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	204	326
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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