Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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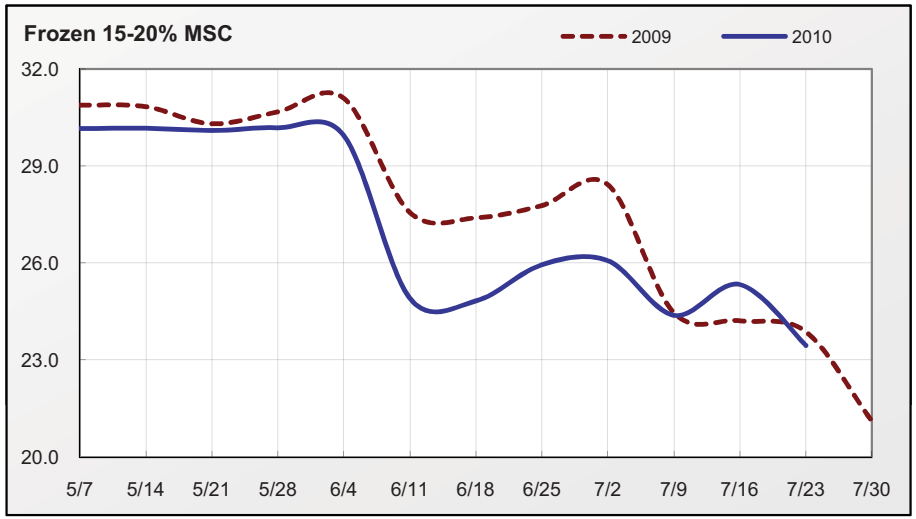
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The price trend for fresh and frozen 15-20% MSC was steady to lower. The balance of fat contents were steady. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% were moderate to heavy; other fat contents were moderate. Schedules were mostly normal. Export and domestic demand on fresh and frozen 15-20% was light and unaggressive. Product movement was light into the Caribbean, Central America and Mexico. Market activity was slow. The marketplace was sluggish as many continue to note issues like slow finished product sales, some contract cancellations, the limited availability of trucks and high freight costs. Supplies of raw materials were moderate to heavy. Frame values were steady with trading levels ranging 7-9 cents FOB.

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

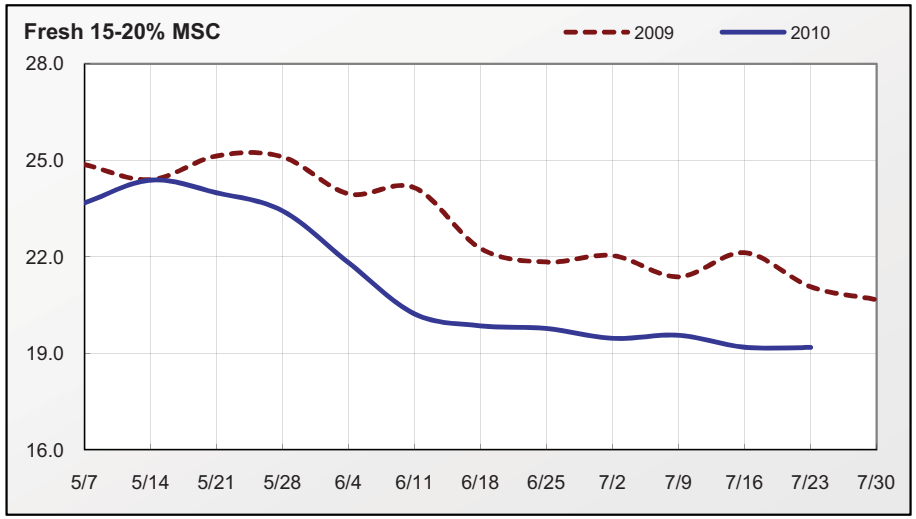
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	23-Jul-10	Last Week	Last Year	23-Jul-10	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	24.00 - 25.00	26.00	24.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	24.45	26.00	24.67
Volume Traded	-	-	-	363	271	241
Volume Exported	-	-	-	200	108	-
15-20%						
Price Range	22.00 - 28.00	18.00 - 32.00	19.00-29.50	16.00 - 23.00	15.00 - 25.00	15.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	23.44	25.33	23.87	19.18	19.19	21.07
Volume Traded	1,383	1,110	1,336	2,264	3,509	2,824
Volume Exported	1,343	930	1,096	143	653	734
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	22.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	20.00	22.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jun 2010	May 2010	Jun 2009	Jun 2010	May 2010	Jun 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	32.00	-	26.13	26.28	28.55
Volume Traded	-	40	-	866	718	1,233
Volume Exported	-	-	-	305	100	216
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	26.22	30.15	28.18	20.44	23.90	23.08
Volume Traded	7,079	7,357	6,088	13,264	15,816	12,262
Volume Exported	6,499	6,645	5,371	653	2,407	4,692
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.60	22.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	204	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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