Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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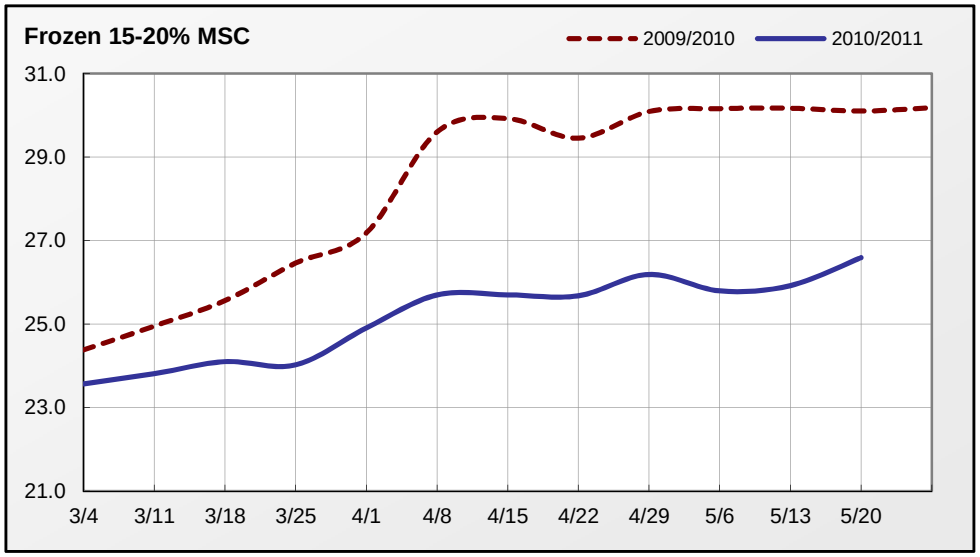
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices continue to trend steady to firm for all fat contents. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are noted as normal. Demand into domestic channels was moderate to good with most interest centering on fresh 15-20%. Export demand was moderate to mostly good. Market activity was moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are tight. Frame values were firm with limited trading occurring between 11-14.5 cents FOB.

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

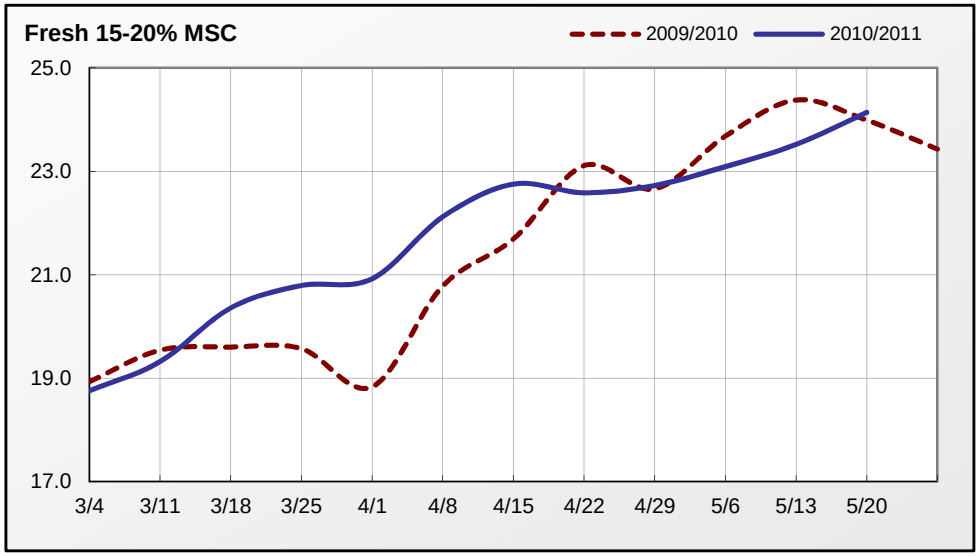
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	20-May-11	Last Week	Last Year	20-May-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	25.00	25.00	26.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.00	25.00	26.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	163	153
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	25.00 - 29.00	24.50 - 29.00	28.00-33.00	20.50 - 27.00	20.00 - 28.00	20.50-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.59	25.92	30.10	24.14	23.52	23.99
Volume Traded	1,534	1,966	1,591	3,498	3,783	3,311
Volume Exported	1,472	1,686	1,591	163	204	163
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	20.00	20.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Apr 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2010	Apr 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2010
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	28.00	-	31.00	23.86	20.83	26.18
Volume Traded	80	-	120	714	245	679
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	100
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	25.64	23.86	29.13	22.23	19.80	21.83
Volume Traded	9,019	6,170	10,639	17,678	13,826	22,877
Volume Exported	7,939	5,930	9,319	245	1,183	1,795
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	19.20	18.91	20.20
Volume Traded	-	-	-	612	449	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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