Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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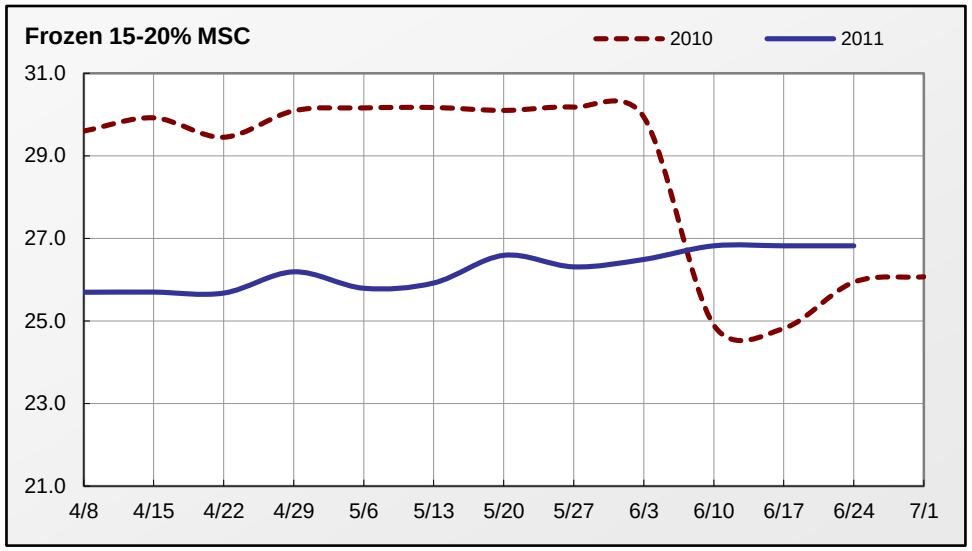
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices of MSC trended steady on all fat contents. Supplies of 15-20% MSC were light to moderate with the balance light. Schedules were generally normal. Demand was moderate to good both domestically and into export channels. Most activity and interest centered on fresh 15-20% MSC. Market activity was moderate to active. The spot marketplace for MSC remains strong, especially domestically, as finished product sales continue to be good. Industry begins to make seasonal preparations for the Independence holiday. Issues with trucking persist for many. Raw material supplies were close. Frame values were steady to firm with limited trading between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 cents FOB.

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

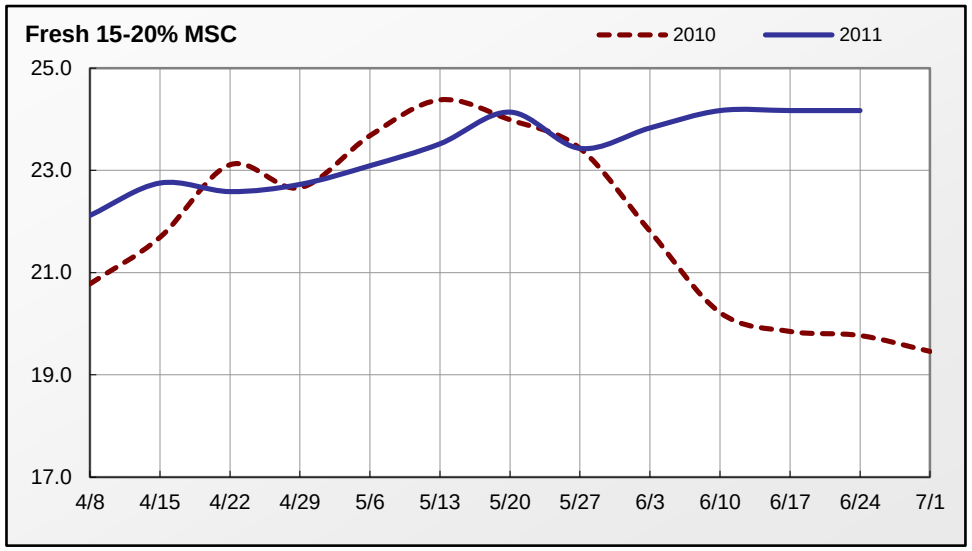
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	24-Jun-11	Last Week	Last Year	24-Jun-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	25.00 - 29.00	23.00 - 25.00	26.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	26.60	24.33	26.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	102	122	404
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	200
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 29.00	25.00 - 28.00	23.00-32.00	20.00 - 27.00	20.00 - 26.25	18.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.65	26.69	25.94	24.16	24.16	19.77
Volume Traded	1,680	1,556	1,695	4,386	4,549	3,024
Volume Exported	1,480	1,516	1,451	163	163	163
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	20.00	20.00	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	May 2011	Apr 2011	May 2010	May 2011	Apr 2011	May 2010
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	28.00	32.00	24.88	23.86	26.28
Volume Traded	-	80	40	673	714	718
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	100
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	26.13	25.64	30.15	23.54	22.23	23.90
Volume Traded	7,008	9,019	7,357	14,807	17,678	15,816
Volume Exported	6,186	7,939	6,645	938	245	2,407
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	19.78	19.20	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	612	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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