Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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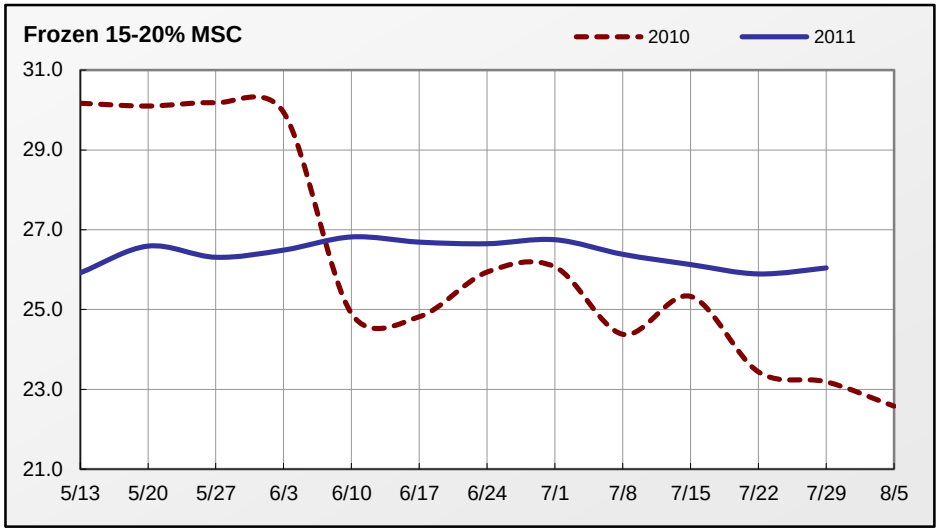
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices trended steady to fully steady on all fat contents of MSC. Supplies of MSC were light to moderate. Schedules were normal. Domestic and export demand was moderate to good. Market activity was active with most buyer interest and movement on fresh 15-20% MSC, especially into Mexico. Finished product sales continue to follow a seasonal pattern with sales stronger than a year ago. The future of the spot marketplace remains unpredictable with the sustained high temps throughout the country, lighter bird weights, higher bird mortality rates, industry production cutbacks, high grain costs, seasonal domestic and improved export demand, and various other challenges. Many are already anticipating another arduous contract season. Raw material supplies continue tight and sought after. Frame values were steady trading mostly 13-14 cents FOB.

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

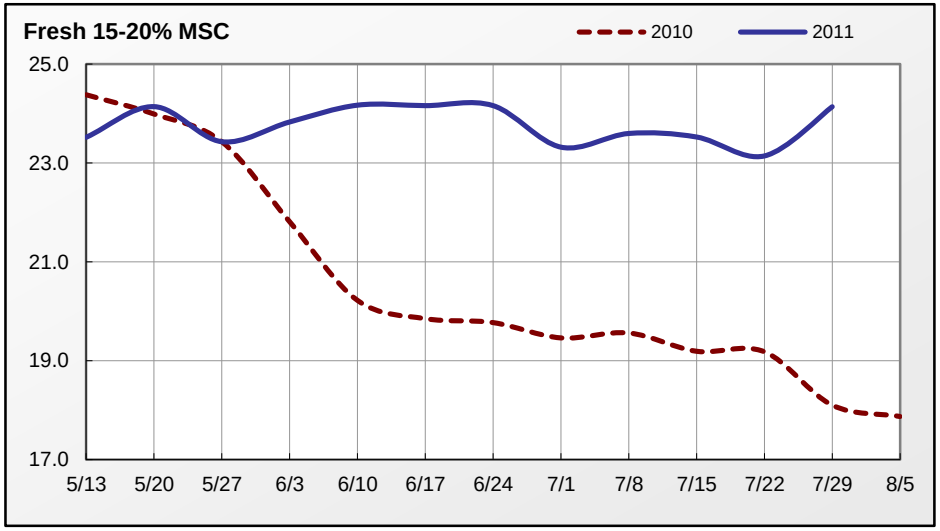
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	29-Jul-11	Last Week	Last Year	29-Jul-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	23.00 - 25.00	22.00 - 25.00	23.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	24.33	24.00	23.80
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	122	333
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	200
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 28.00	24.00 - 28.00	20.00-28.00	19.00 - 26.00	18.00 - 26.50	12.00-21.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.04	25.89	23.19	24.14	23.14	18.10
Volume Traded	2,097	1,590	1,207	4,661	4,304	3,961
Volume Exported	1,837	1,430	1,087	653	571	286
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	20.00	20.00	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jun 2011	May 2011	Jun 2010	Jun 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	25.65	24.88	26.13
Volume Traded	-	-	-	755	673	866
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	305
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	26.66	26.13	26.22	24.09	23.54	20.44
Volume Traded	6,656	7,008	7,079	17,625	14,807	13,264
Volume Exported	5,816	6,186	6,499	898	938	653
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.00	19.78	20.60
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	367	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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