Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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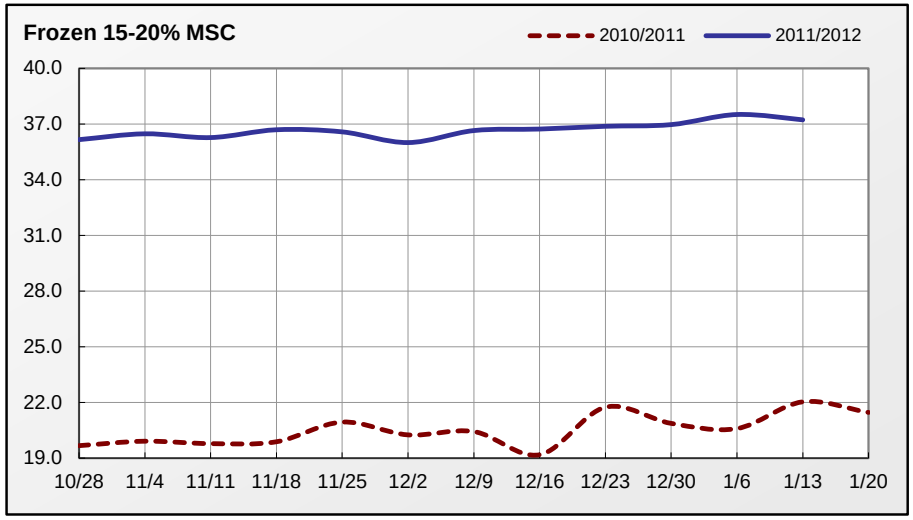
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices for all fat contents trended steady to instances weak. Supplies were moderate. Schedules were normal to reduced for the approaching MLK holiday. Domestic demand was light to moderate. Export demand was mostly moderate with good interest on frozen 15-20% into Central America and the Caribbean. The spot marketplace has slowed this week with extra product meeting resistance as many buyers built up inventories going into 2012. Industry continues to keep a close eye on the situation to see how the marketplace will fare in light of recent shifts. New contracts have transitioned smoothly for most despite criticism and resistance up the chain in regards to the new, higher pricing. Market activity was moderate. Supplies of raw materials were light. Spot frame trading for this week was noted at mostly 15-16 cents FOB.

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

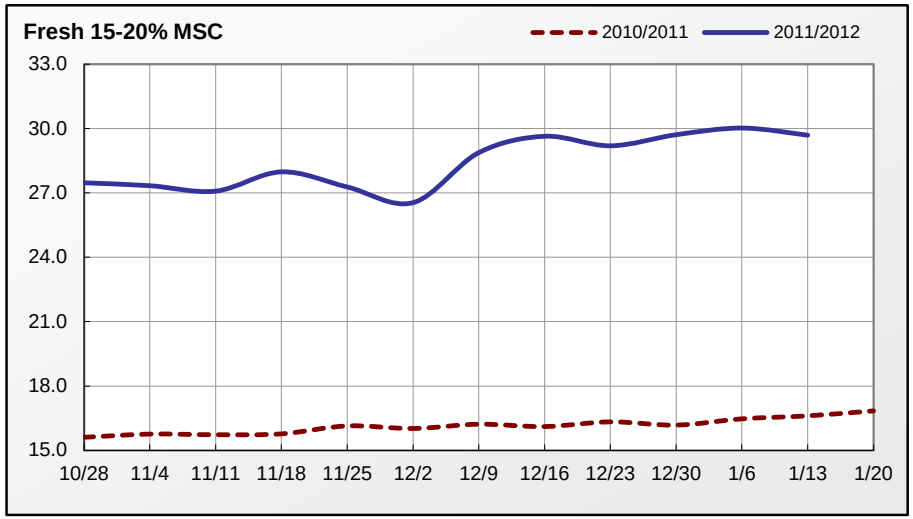
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	13-Jan-12	Last Week	Last Year	13-Jan-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	32.00 - 36.00	32.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	33.33	32.00	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	184	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	34.00 - 39.00	35.50 - 40.00	18.00-24.00	23.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 34.00	14.00-20.50
Wtd Avg Price	37.23	37.51	22.04	29.68	30.02	16.61
Volume Traded	1,862	1,597	847	3,947	3,437	2,968
Volume Exported	1,622	1,517	787	367	530	245
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.50	22.50	19.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	2011	2010	2009	2011	2010	2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	28.00	26.07	21.55	26.20	21.96	24.53
Volume Traded	80	590	336	7,490	10,213	15,232
Volume Exported	-	270	216	-	1,617	1,571
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.76	23.82	25.20	24.21	18.61	21.31
Volume Traded	84,242	86,375	85,079	197,033	187,000	157,963
Volume Exported	75,407	75,910	74,059	25,216	28,009	41,141
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.04	18.85	20.18
Volume Traded	-	-	-	4,529	3,834	3,875
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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