



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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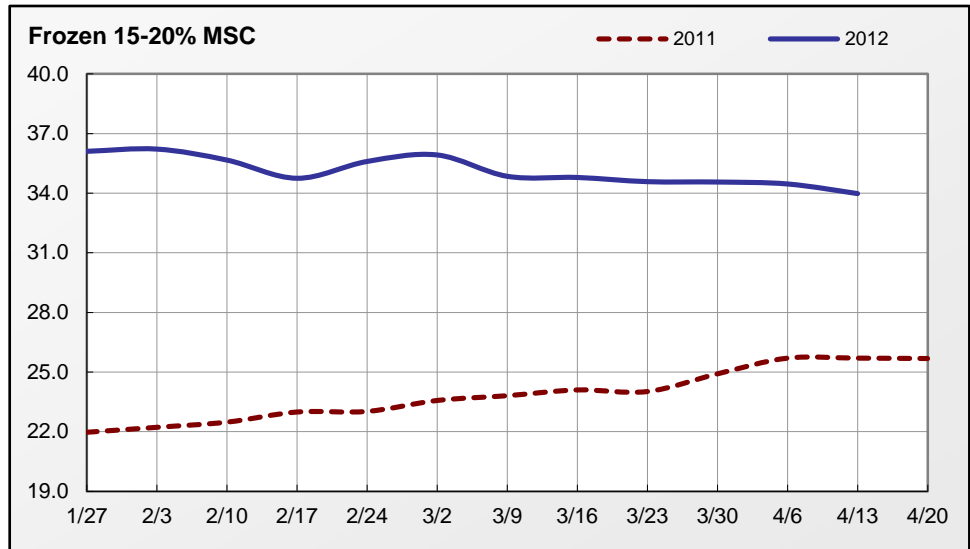
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices trended steady to weak on MSC. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal to reduced. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate at best. The spot marketplace was slow as expected following the Easter holiday. Despite this, many in industry anticipate interest and buying to pick up in the coming weeks as buyers begin to build inventories of finished goods for the summer season. Meanwhile, producers continue to utilize all options available to stay ahead on spot sales of MSC and retain a cautious and conservative outlook of the future marketplace. Market activity is light to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frame trading is between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-14 FOB.

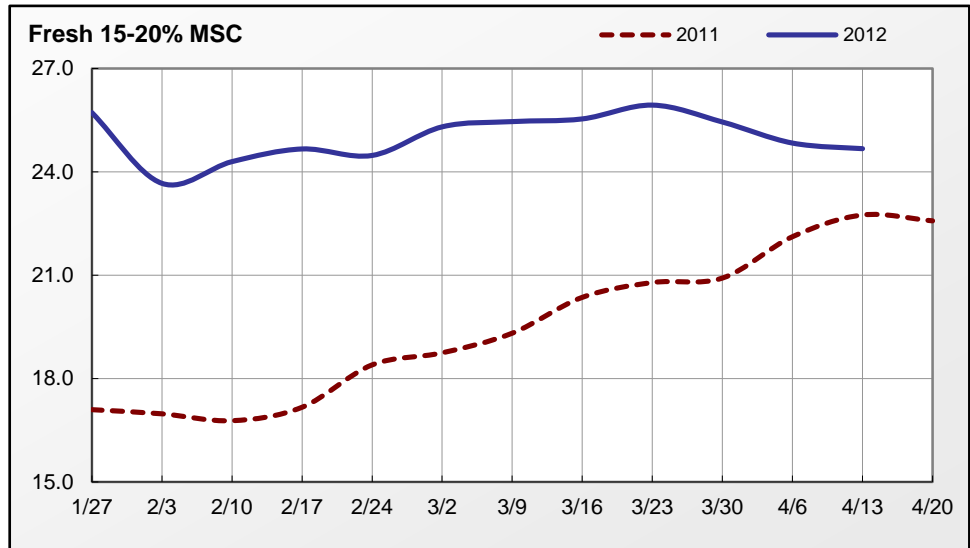
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	13-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year	13-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	24.00 - 25.00	27.00	24.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	24.80	27.00	24.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	31.00 - 37.00	31.00 - 38.00	24.00-27.00	22.00 - 28.00	20.00 - 29.00	21.50-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.98	34.46	25.70	24.68	24.84	22.75
Volume Traded	1,466	1,650	1,978	3,231	3,702	3,457
Volume Exported	1,306	1,450	1,838	571	530	-
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	26.92	27.56	20.83
Volume Traded	-	-	-	775	653	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	34.92	35.46	23.86	25.56	24.33	19.80
Volume Traded	9,964	7,800	6,170	19,562	15,773	13,826
Volume Exported	8,629	6,839	5,930	4,264	2,693	1,183
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.30	22.38	18.91
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	163	449
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis (www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm)

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