



**Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)**

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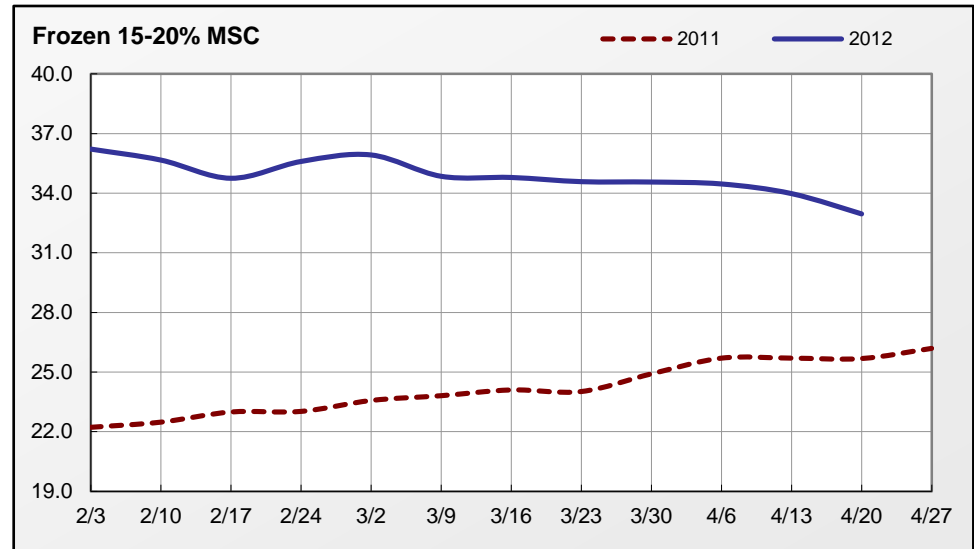
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices trended mostly steady on MSC. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. The spot marketplace remains slow with industry anticipating interest and buying to pick up as buyer build inventories of finished goods for the summer season. Meanwhile, producers maintain a cautious and conservative outlook on the future marketplace and continue to utilize all options available to stay ahead on spot sales of MSC in the present. Market activity is light to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frame trading is between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

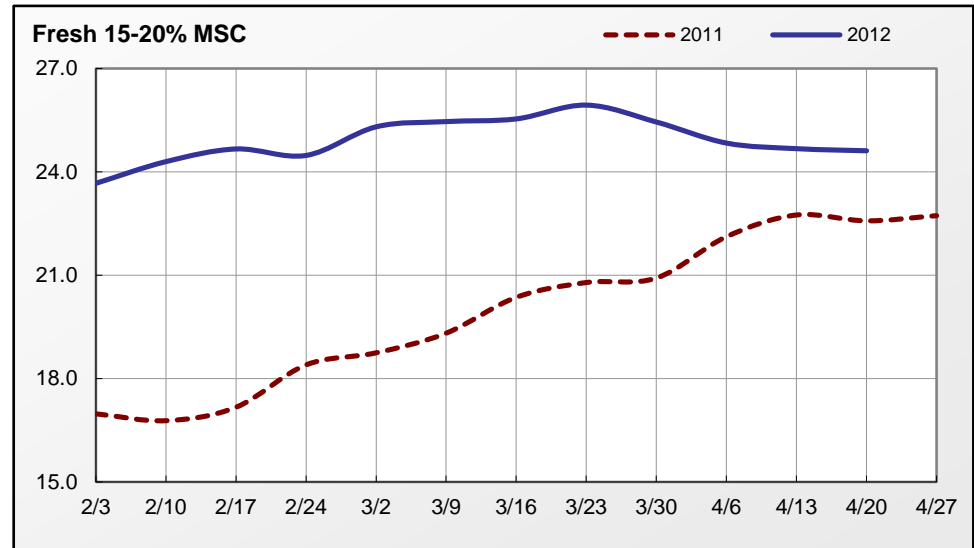
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	20-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year	20-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-	-	24.00 - 25.00	25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	-	24.80	25.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	204	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	28.00 - 37.00	31.00 - 37.00	24.00-28.00	18.00 - 27.00	22.00 - 28.00	19.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.96	33.98	25.68	24.61	24.68	22.58
Volume Traded	2,241	1,466	1,659	3,259	3,231	3,487
Volume Exported	1,601	1,306	1,359	204	571	-
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	41	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
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	26.92	27.56	20.83
Volume Traded	-	-	-	775	653	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm))

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