



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

Fri. May 11, 2012

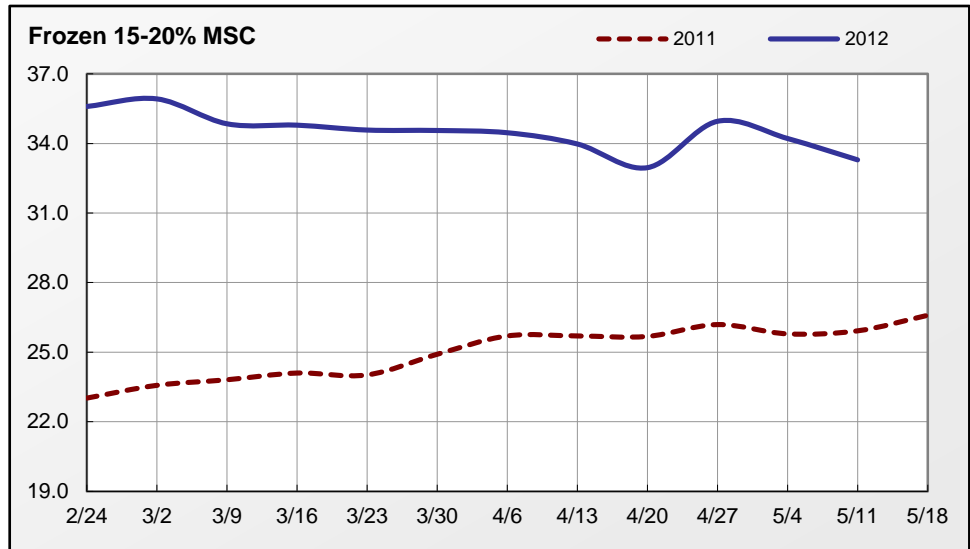
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady on all fat contents. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal to instances reduced. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. For many spot marketplace demand has been below seasonal expectations the past few weeks. Due to lukewarm buyer interest and moderate finished good production and movement, industry maintains a cautious and conservative attitude regarding the future outlook of the marketplace. Sellers continue to utilize all options available to stay ahead on spot MSC sales. Market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of raw material are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 11-13 FOB.

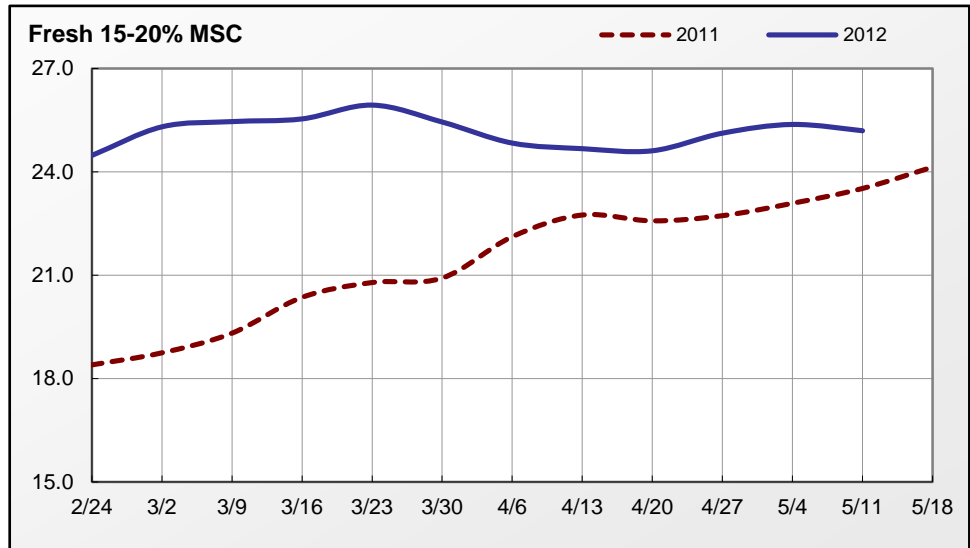
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	11-May-12	Last Week	Last Year	11-May-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-	26.00	24.00 - 25.00	25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	26.00	24.80	25.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	204	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	29.00 - 38.00	30.00 - 37.00	24.50-29.00	23.00 - 29.00	24.00 - 27.00	20.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.29	34.22	25.92	25.19	25.38	23.52
Volume Traded	2,049	1,160	1,966	3,837	3,253	3,783
Volume Exported	1,729	1,040	1,686	530	245	204
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	28.00	25.39	26.92	23.86
Volume Traded	-	-	80	367	775	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	33.93	34.92	25.64	24.83	25.56	22.23
Volume Traded	6,532	9,964	9,019	14,195	19,562	17,678
Volume Exported	5,292	8,629	7,939	1,997	4,264	245
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.30	19.20
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	408	612
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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