



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

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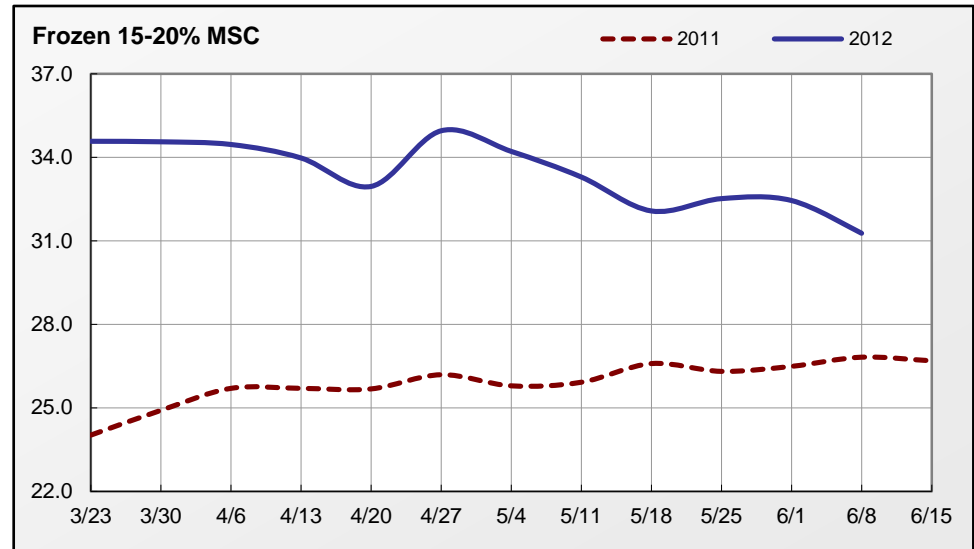
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to weak. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Industry maintains a close eye on the spot marketplace, which is flat and disappointing to many considering MSC is in its traditional peak season. Many continue to sell frames and stay out front on spot MSC sales in order to keep inventories down and stay off the spot marketplace. Trucking availability remains problematic with competition from other commodities. Market activity is light to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 10-15 cents FOB, mostly 11-13 FOB.

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

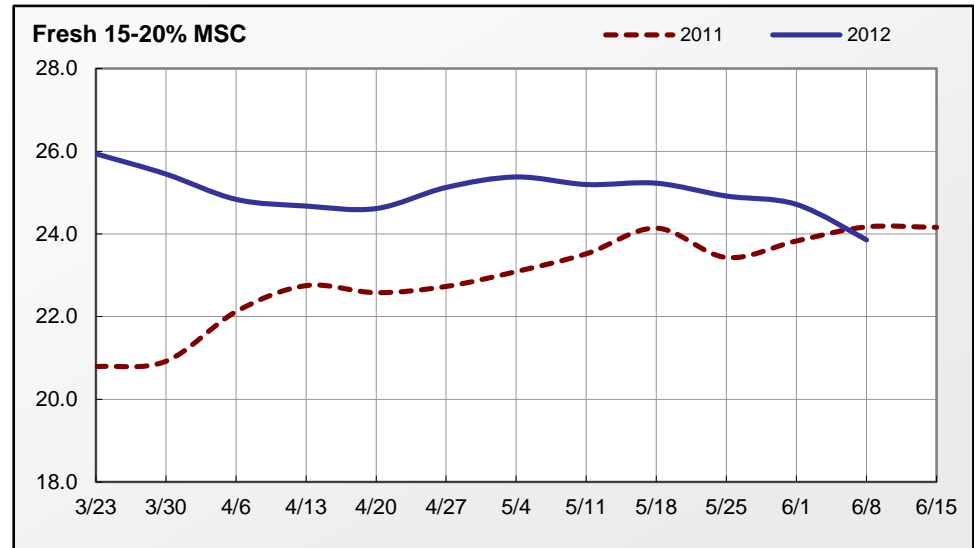
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	8-Jun-12	Last Week	Last Year	8-Jun-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	32.00	-	-	26.00	25.00	23.00-29.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.00	-	-	26.00	25.00	25.50
Volume Traded	40	-	-	82	82	326
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	27.00 - 35.00	28.00 - 38.00	25.00-29.00	20.00 - 26.50	21.00 - 30.00	20.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	31.27	32.45	26.82	23.86	24.72	24.17
Volume Traded	1,970	1,612	1,663	4,182	3,652	4,712
Volume Exported	1,930	1,532	1,263	367	204	326
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	May 2012	Apr 2012	May 2011	May 2012	Apr 2012	May 2011
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	28.60	-	-	26.00	25.39	24.88
Volume Traded	200	-	-	612	367	673
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	32.87	33.93	26.13	25.17	24.83	23.54
Volume Traded	6,879	6,532	7,008	14,723	14,195	14,807
Volume Exported	5,879	5,292	6,186	1,795	1,997	938
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.30	22.50	19.78
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	245	367
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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