Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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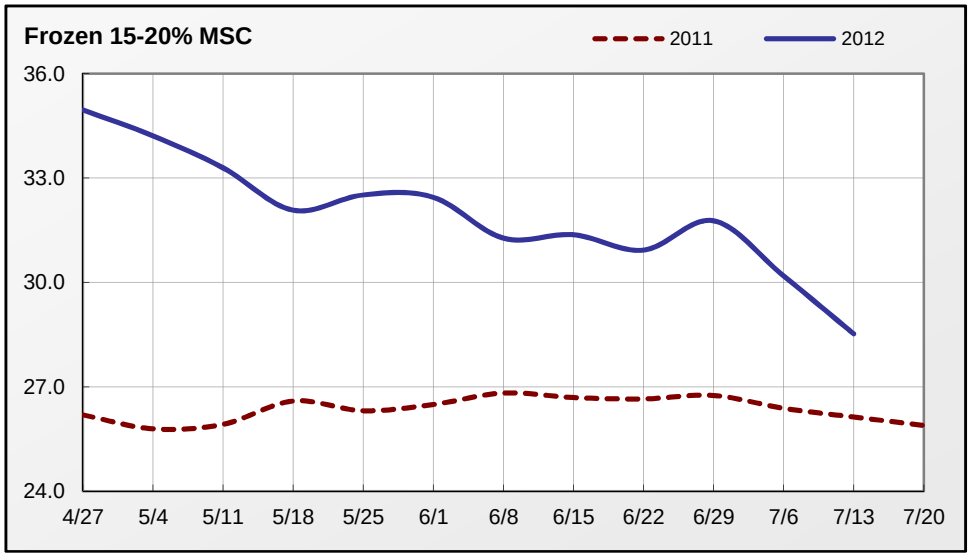
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for MSC are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Demand is light to moderate both export and domestic. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are back to normal following the 4th of July holiday. Many continue to closely monitor the marketplace and stay out front on spot MSC sales. Issues with truck availability have improved, but remain a struggle in most places. Market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 10-15 cents FOB, mostly 10-13 FOB.

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

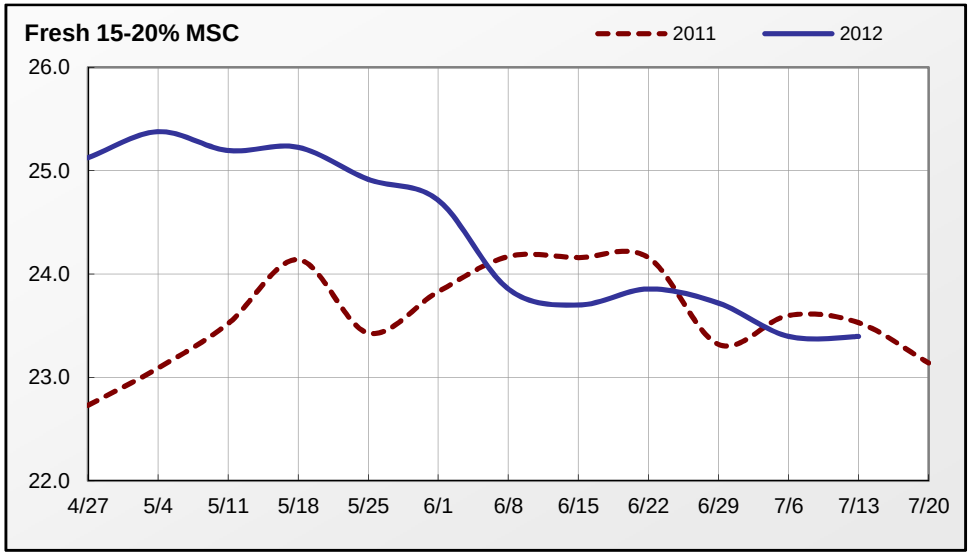
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	13-Jul-12	Last Week	Last Year	13-Jul-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	25.00-26.00	26.00	22.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.60	26.00	24.14
Volume Traded	-	-	-	102	102	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	24.00 - 33.00	27.00 - 33.00	24.00-28.00	20.00 - 26.00	19.00 - 26.00	18.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.52	30.19	26.13	23.40	23.40	23.53
Volume Traded	1,718	1,660	1,608	4,909	4,652	5,408
Volume Exported	1,198	1,540	1,488	653	449	286
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00		20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00		20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	-	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jun 2012	May 2012	Jun 2011	Jun 2012	May 2012	Jun 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	32.00	28.60	-	25.24	26.00	25.65
Volume Traded	160	200	-	653	612	755
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	31.55	32.87	26.66	23.93	25.17	24.09
Volume Traded	7,367	6,879	6,656	22,914	14,723	17,625
Volume Exported	6,987	5,879	5,816	1,591	1,795	898
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.33	22.30	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	204	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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