Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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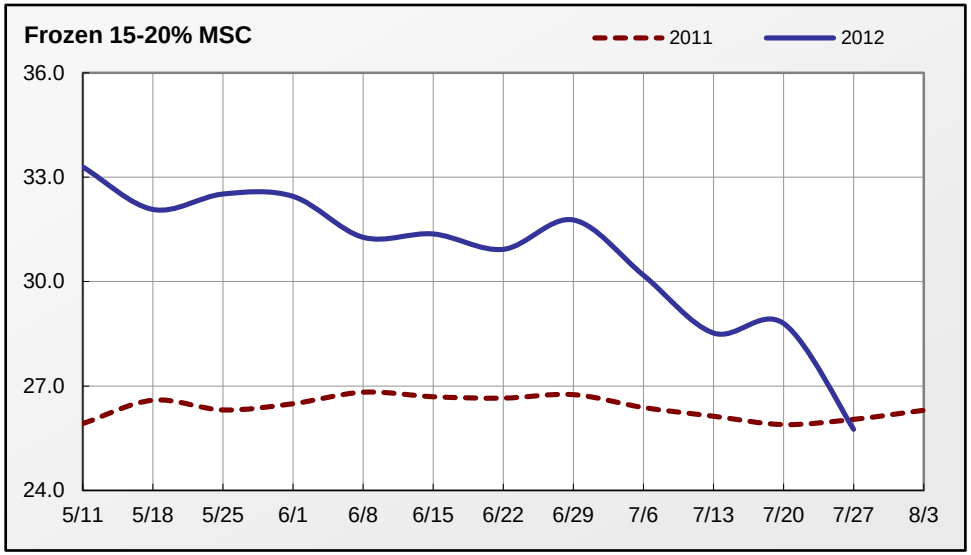
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to weak on fresh and frozen 15-20% with the balance of fat contents steady. Demand into domestic and export channels is light to moderate at best. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Summer has been disappointing for many, falling short of seasonal expectations in regard to interest and movement of both MSC and finished goods. Industry continues to stay out front on spot MSC sales and move more spot frames to avoid the production and sale of additional MSC. Many maintain a watchful eye on the marketplace with some already beginning to contemplate the possible dynamics of the approaching contract season. Market activity is light. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 10-15 cents FOB, mostly 12 FOB.

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

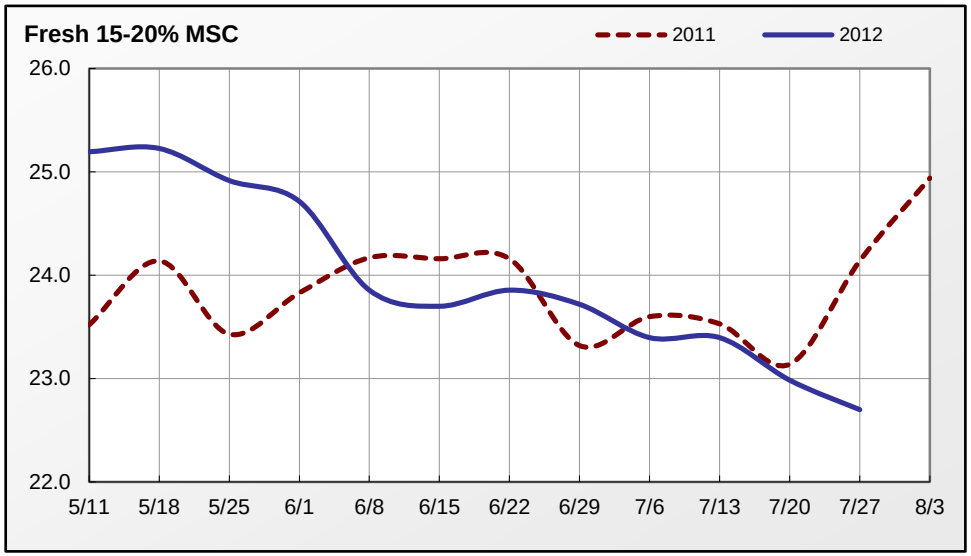
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	27-Jul-12	Last Week	Last Year	27-Jul-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	25.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 26.00	23.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.71	25.75	24.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	163	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	18.00 - 32.00	21.00 - 33.00	24.00-28.00	18.00 - 26.00	19.00 - 26.00	19.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.75	28.80	26.04	22.70	22.99	24.14
Volume Traded	3,124	1,405	2,097	3,641	4,865	4,661
Volume Exported	2,124	1,229	1,837	41	449	653
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.50	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	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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