Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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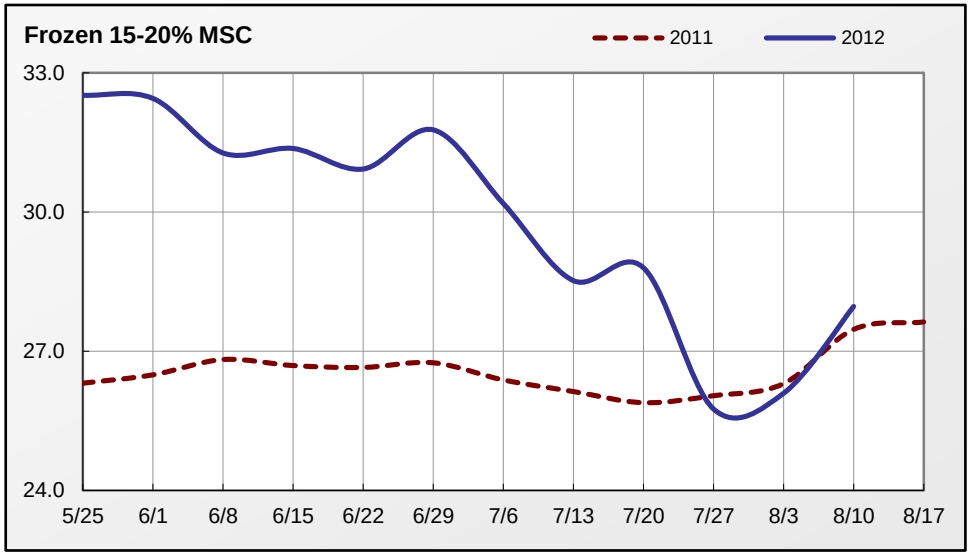
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending mostly steady on all fat contents. Demand into export and domestic channels are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Most dealers continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC and frames. Industry as a whole continue to closely monitor the marketplace, especially the grain markets, to strategize possible company positions; however many continue to wait and see how market factors play out before entering contract negotiations. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 10-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 FOB.

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

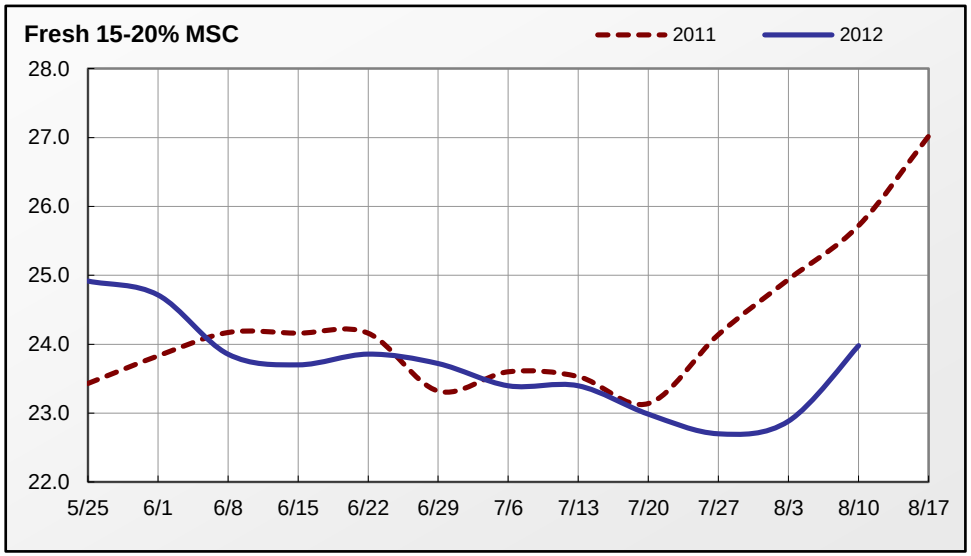
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	10-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year	10-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	25.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 26.00	25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.83	25.67	25.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	122	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 30.00	22.00 - 29.00	25.00-32.00	22.00 - 26.00	18.50 - 26.00	22.00-28.25
Wtd Avg Price	27.96	26.09	27.47	23.98	22.88	25.72
Volume Traded	2,123	3,184	1,537	3,917	4,743	3,977
Volume Exported	1,963	2,624	1,297	82	326	694
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	20.00-21.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.00	20.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2011	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	32.00	-	25.76	25.24	24.43
Volume Traded	-	160	-	510	653	571
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.83	31.55	26.21	23.15	23.93	23.56
Volume Traded	7,907	7,367	8,116	18,068	22,914	22,513
Volume Exported	6,091	6,987	7,486	1,591	1,591	2,122
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.20	22.33	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	367	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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