Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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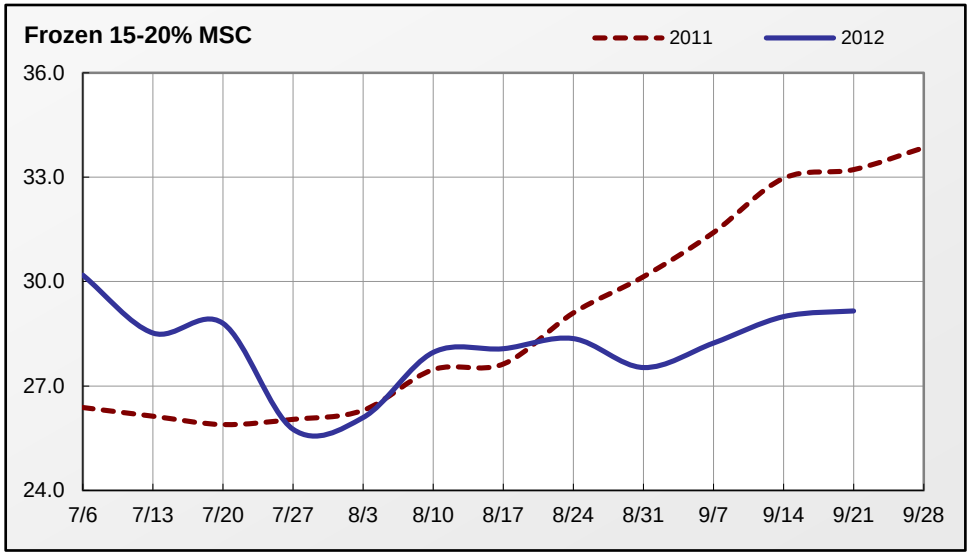
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices are trending steady on all fat contents of MSC. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal. Demand into export and domestic channels is light to moderate with most interest and movement into Mexico and Asian and Central American countries. Slight and relative improvements have been noted in regard to demand and movement of MSC in recent weeks. Producers continue to sell frames and remain out front on spot sales of MSC. Industry is closely watching production, demand, the spot marketplace, and grain markets looking for insight regarding future market direction. Contract negotiations for 2013 have begun with no progress to note. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 10-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-13 FOB.

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

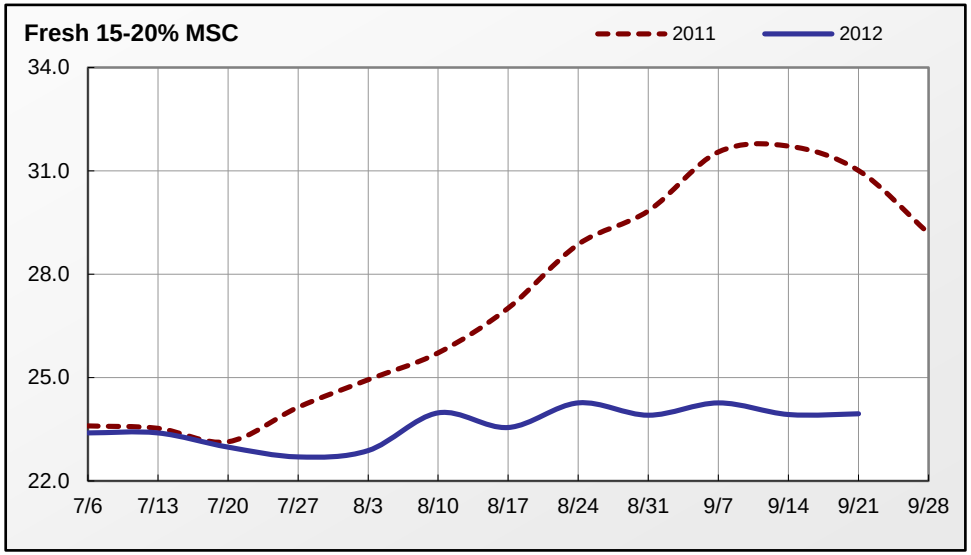
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	21-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year	21-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	30.00		-	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	34.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00		-	25.56	25.50	34.00
Volume Traded	40	-	-	184	163	146
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.50 - 31.00	27.00 - 31.00	30.00-38.00	20.00 - 27.75	18.00 - 26.50	27.00-35.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.16	28.99	33.22	23.95	23.93	31.01
Volume Traded	2,130	2,265	1,893	4,039	3,804	3,733
Volume Exported	2,090	2,145	1,653	408	694	898
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.50	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.65	25.76	27.24
Volume Traded	40	-	-	877	510	592
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.43	27.83	27.62	23.70	23.15	26.57
Volume Traded	11,085	7,907	6,288	21,571	18,068	16,134
Volume Exported	10,205	6,091	5,888	1,468	1,591	2,489
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.20	22.20	20.67
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	204	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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