Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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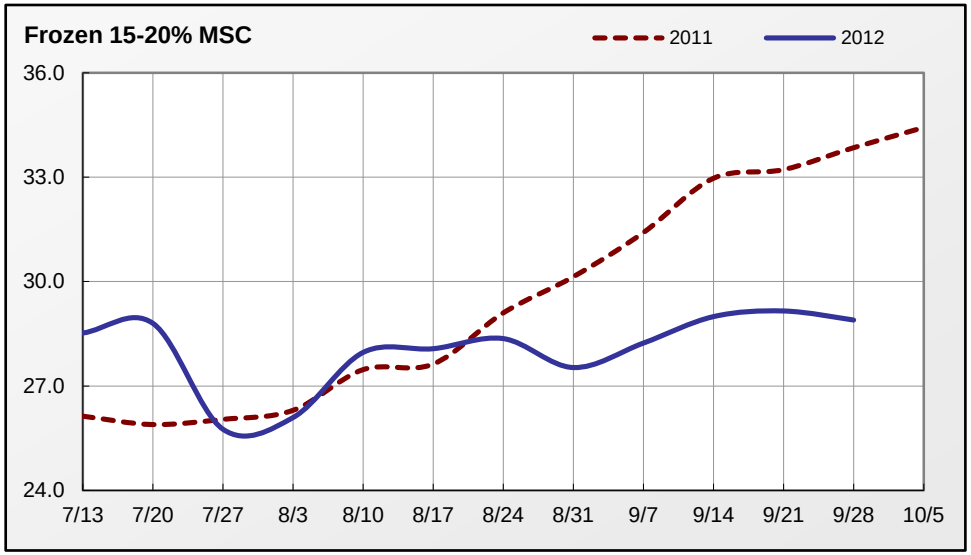
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices on all fat contents are trending steady. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Producers continue to sell frames and stay out front on spot sales of MSC. Industry continues to watch production, demand, the spot marketplace, and grain markets looking for some kind of future market direction. Contract negotiations for 2013 persist with no progress to report. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

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

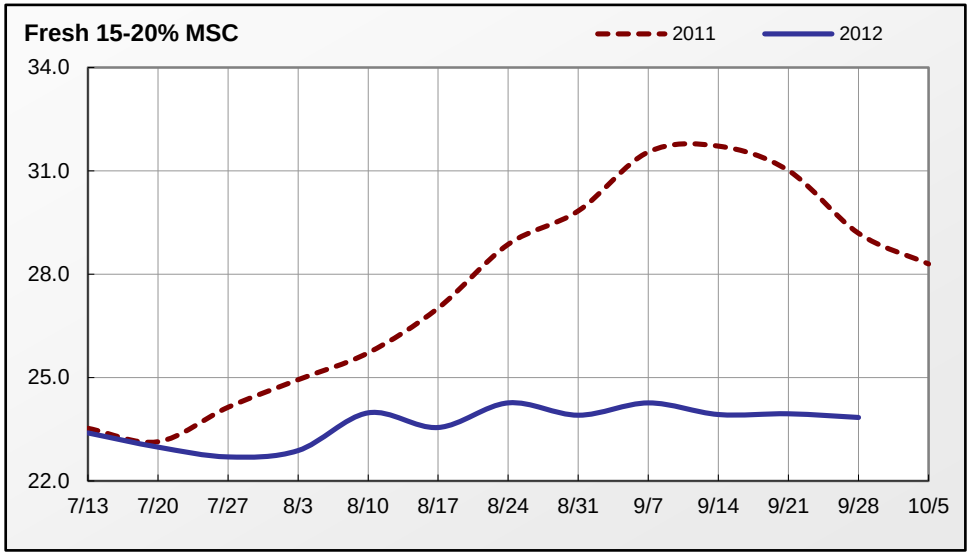
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	28-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year	28-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		30.00	-	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	30.00-32.00
Wtd Avg Price		30.00	-	25.56	25.56	31.33
Volume Traded	-	40	-	184	184	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 31.00	26.50 - 31.00	31.00-38.00	19.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 27.75	25.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.90	29.16	33.85	23.84	23.95	29.19
Volume Traded	2,250	2,130	2,024	4,672	4,039	3,070
Volume Exported	2,090	2,090	1,824	408	408	571
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	-
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.50	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	-
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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