



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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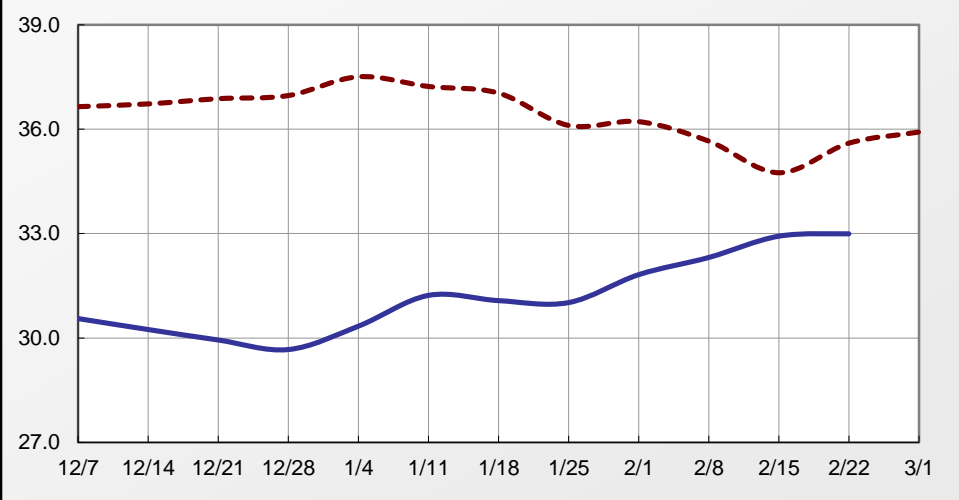
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for MSC are steady to firm on all fat contents with Fresh 15-20% MSC in the best position. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal to instances reduced due to a few disruptions related to severe weather across the country. Demand is mixed ranging light to instances good into domestic and export channels. Industry continues to keep a cautious and traditional attitude during this Lenten season, closely monitoring the spot marketplace. Sellers remain out front with sales of MSC. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light and sought after. Frames are firm trading mostly between 14-15 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	22-Feb-13	Last Week	Last Year	22-Feb-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	30.00	-	-	26.00 - 28.00	26.00 - 28.00	26.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	26.80	27.33	26.67
Volume Traded	40	-	-	102	184	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	31.00 - 35.00	31.00 - 35.00	30.00-38.00	24.00 - 31.00	24.00 - 29.00	20.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.99	32.93	35.60	27.35	26.72	24.48
Volume Traded	1,875	1,617	1,460	3,815	4,488	4,906
Volume Exported	1,675	1,417	1,340	775	571	1,020
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

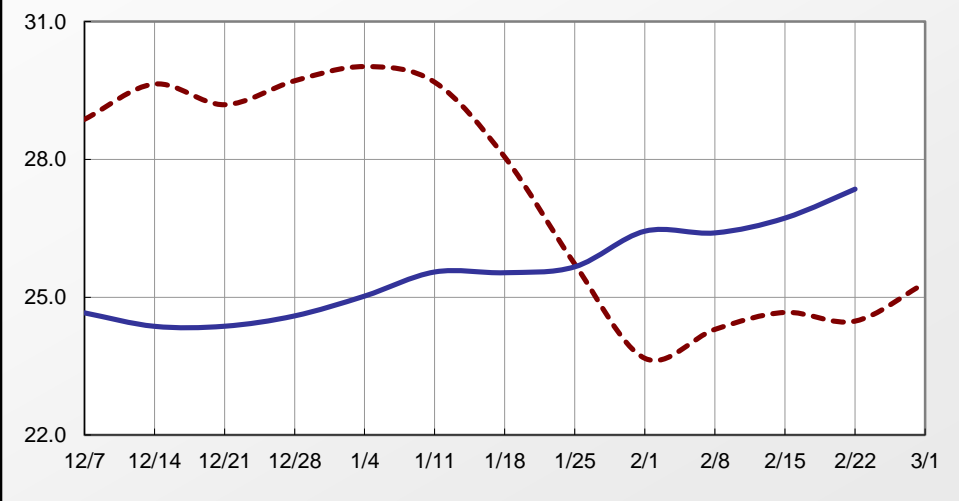
Frozen 15-20% MSC



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jan 2013	Dec 2012	Jan 2012	Jan 2013	Dec 2012	Jan 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	25.13	25.11	31.81
Volume Traded	80	40	-	653	449	734
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.97	30.20	37.00	25.48	24.50	28.51
Volume Traded	4,923	4,730	6,795	17,411	14,667	14,390
Volume Exported	4,563	4,370	6,195	5,834	1,836	1,306
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.00	21.43	22.36
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	286	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fresh 15-20% MSC



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

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