



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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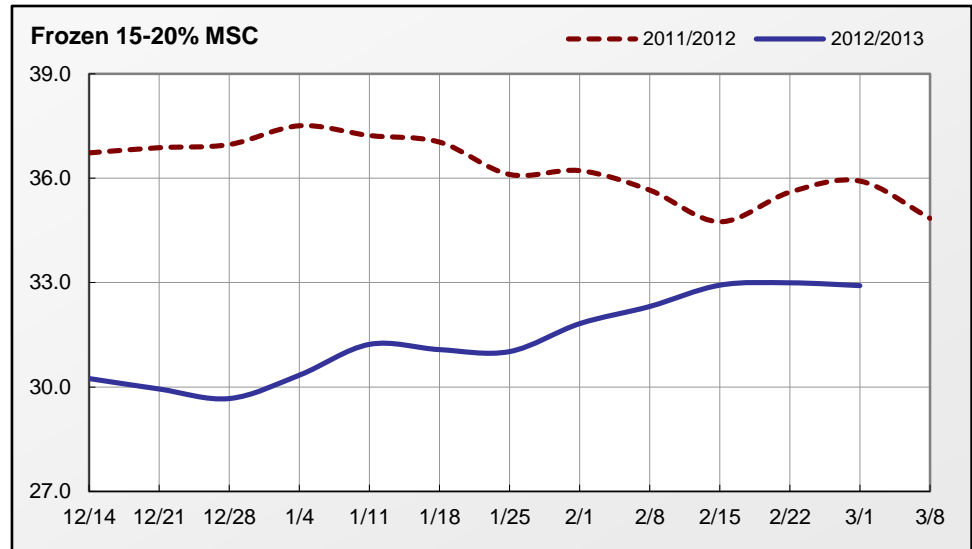
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm on all fat contents with Fresh 15-20% MSC in the best position. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are mostly normal with a few disruptions and reductions noted. Demand is mixed, ranging light to good into both domestic and export channels. Industry remains cautious and ever watchful of the interesting dynamics in the current Lenten marketplace. Most sellers continue to stay out front on spot 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)

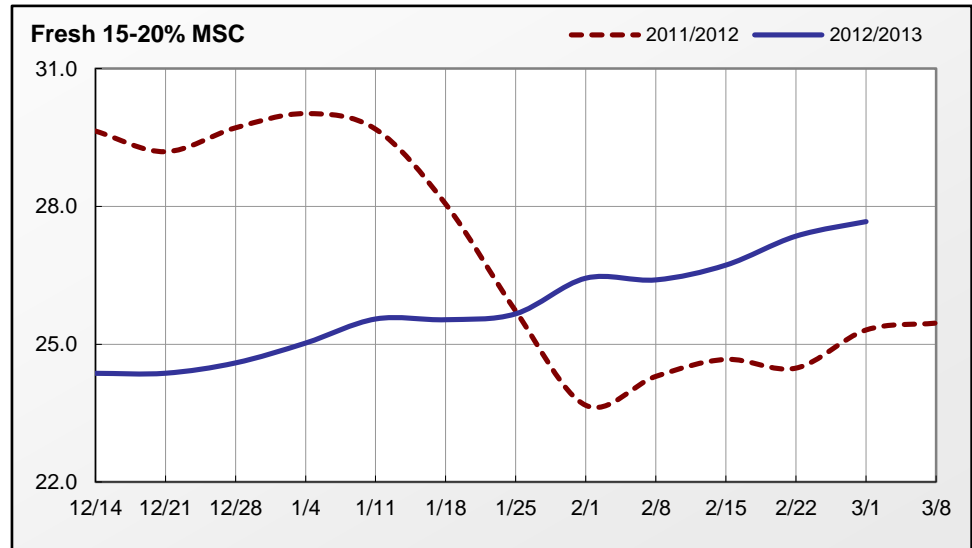
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	1-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year	1-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		30.00	-	27.00 - 29.00	26.00 - 28.00	26.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price		30.00	-	28.00	26.80	26.71
Volume Traded	-	40	-	82	102	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	31.00 - 35.00	31.00 - 35.00	34.00-38.00	24.50 - 31.00	24.00 - 31.00	22.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.91	32.99	35.92	27.67	27.35	25.31
Volume Traded	1,265	1,875	1,685	3,896	3,815	3,835
Volume Exported	1,265	1,675	1,605	449	775	816
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012	Feb 2013	Jan 2013	Feb 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	26.43	25.13	27.56
Volume Traded	40	80	-	714	653	653
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	32.59	30.97	35.46	26.70	25.48	24.33
Volume Traded	5,957	4,923	7,800	17,289	17,411	15,773
Volume Exported	5,357	4,563	6,839	2,815	5,834	2,693
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	20.00	22.38
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	204	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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