



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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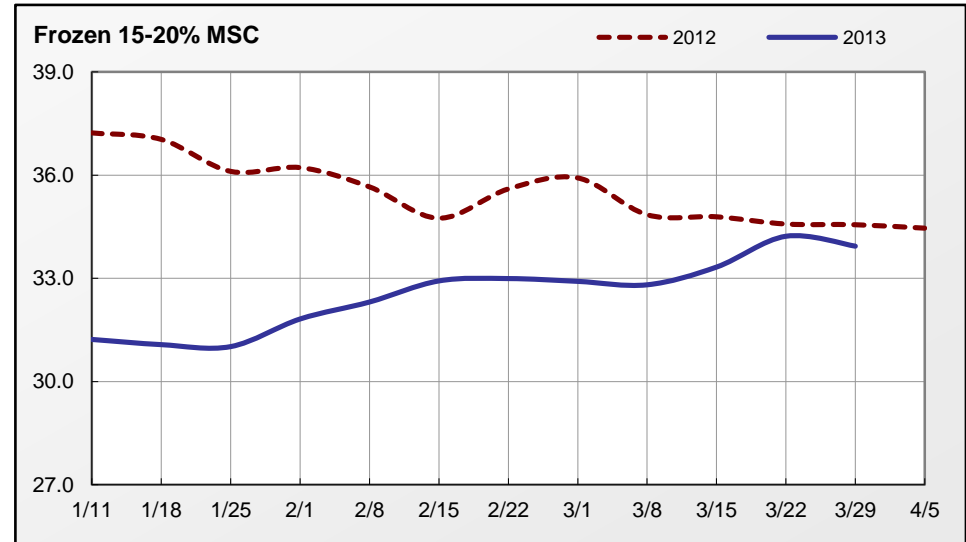
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm on all fat contents with Fresh 15-20% MSC in the strongest position. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal to reduced for the Easter holiday. Demand into both domestic and export channels is mostly moderate to instances good. Industry is very focused on April and the spot marketplace going forward. Many are watching various influential factors such as: production returning to normal levels after months of industry cutbacks, the return in demand and buying from Mexico and other export markets following Lent and the Easter holiday, the typical increase in finished good production preparing for the Memorial Day kick off, and the impact and procedures of the impending new FSIS regulations for Salmonella testing of ground chicken, MSC, ground turkey, and MST. In the meantime, sellers are closely managing production and selling spot MSC out front. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light. Frames are steady to firm trading between 13-16 cents FOB, mostly 15 FOB.

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

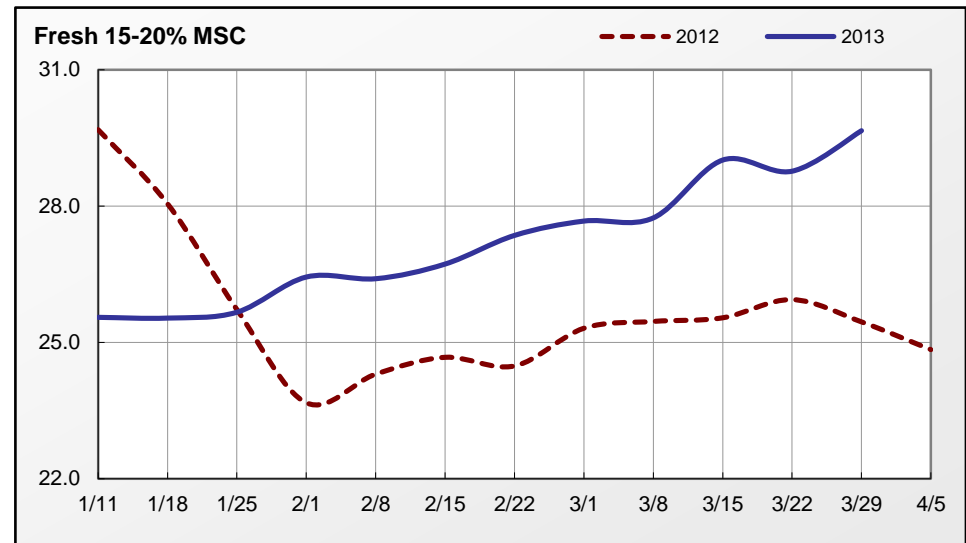
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	29-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year	29-Mar-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		32.00	-	29.00 - 31.00	29.00 - 31.00	26.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price		32.00	-	30.00	30.00	26.75
Volume Traded	-	40	-	82	82	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	33.00 - 36.00	33.00 - 36.00	31.00-38.00	27.00 - 33.00	27.00 - 33.00	20.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.94	34.22	34.56	29.66	28.77	25.45
Volume Traded	1,255	1,135	1,685	3,101	3,529	3,703
Volume Exported	975	935	1,325	326	367	592
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	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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