

## Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.) Agricultural Marketing Service

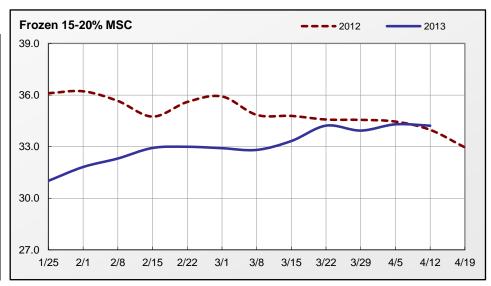
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm on all fat contents. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. Demand is mixed ranging light to good into both domestic and export channels. Many noted slightly less buyer interest this week versus last. Industry is very focused on the current and future status of the spot marketplace. A variety of factors continue to influence the marketplace: normal MSC production levels after months of industry cutbacks, increased production of finished goods in preparation 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, among others. Sellers remain out front with spot MSC sales, managing production closely. Market activity is moderate to active. Raw material supplies are light and clearing well. Frames are steady to firm trading between 14-16 cents FOB, mostly 15 FOB.

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

	Frozen			Fresh			
Fat Content	12-Apr-13	Last Week	Last Year	12-Apr-13	Last Week	Last Year	
15% or Less							
Price Range			-	29.00 - 31.00	29.00 - 31.00	24.00-25.00	
Wtd Avg Price			-	30.33	30.00	24.80	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	184	163	204	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15-20%							
Price Range	33.00 - 37.00	32.50 - 37.00	31.00-37.00	28.00 - 33.00	27.00 - 33.00	22.00-28.00	
Wtd Avg Price	34.22	34.30	33.98	30.60	30.10	24.68	
Volume Traded	1,935	1,710	1,466	6,854	4,916	3,231	
Volume Exported	1,775	1,590	1,306	245	326	571	
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	-	-	-	-	-	-	



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2012	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	31.00	30.00	-	29.16	26.43	26.92
Volume Traded	80	40	-	561	714	775
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	33.40	32.59	34.92	28.52	26.70	25.56
Volume Traded	6,348	5,957	9,964	17,485	17,289	19,562
Volume Exported	5,700	5,357	8,629	1,958	2,815	4,264
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.30
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	245	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

