



**Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)**

Fri. Apr 19, 2013

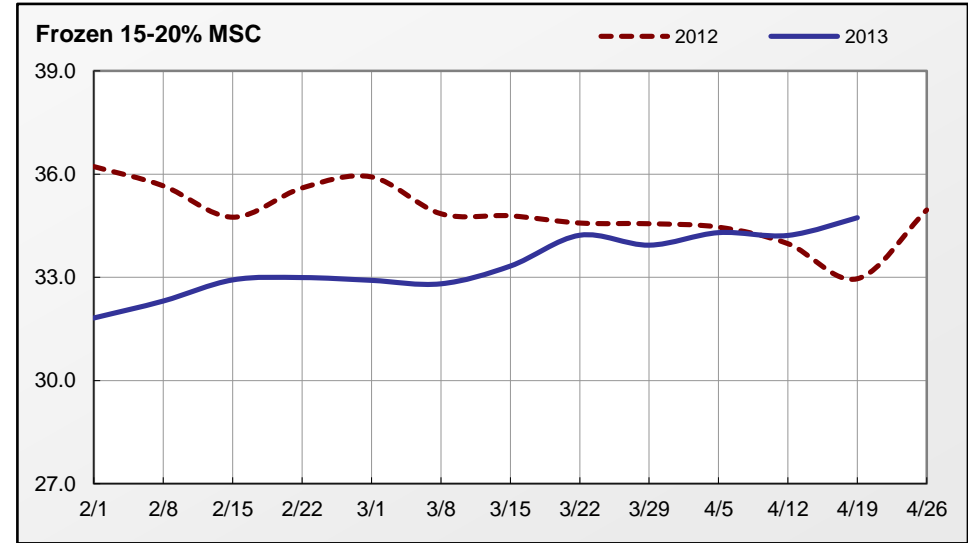
**Agricultural Marketing Service  
Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News**

(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 steady to firm on all fat contents. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. Demand is moderate to good into both domestic and export channels. Industry is very focused on the current and future status of the spot marketplace, especially in regard to the impending new FSIS regulations for Salmonella testing of ground chicken, MSC, ground turkey, and MST. Many are also watching other influential factors such as the return to normal MSC production levels after months of industry cutbacks, increased production of finished goods in preparation for the Memorial Day kick off, and grain prices among other factors. Sellers remain out front with spot MSC sales, managing production closely. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light. Frames are steady to firm trading between 14-16 cents FOB, mostly 15 FOB.

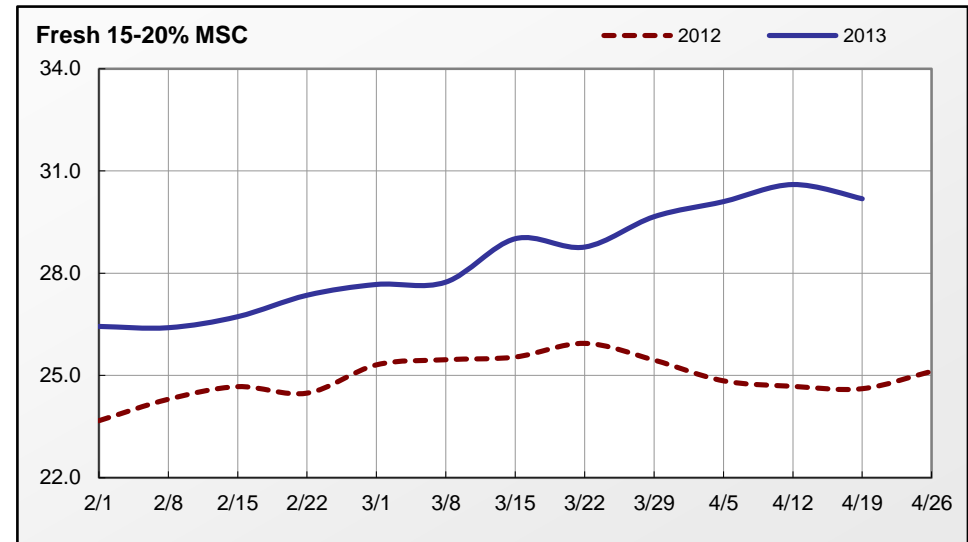
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	19-Apr-13	Last Week	Last Year	19-Apr-13	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	32.00		-	29.00 - 31.00	29.00 - 31.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	32.00		-	30.20	30.33	-
Volume Traded	40	-	-	204	184	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	32.00 - 38.00	33.00 - 37.00	28.00-37.00	28.50 - 33.00	28.00 - 33.00	18.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.73	34.22	32.96	30.18	30.60	24.61
Volume Traded	1,825	1,935	2,241	3,835	6,854	3,259
Volume Exported	1,545	1,775	1,601	530	245	204
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2012	Mar 2013	Feb 2013	Mar 2012
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	31.00	30.00	-	29.16	26.43	26.92
Volume Traded	80	40	-	561	714	775
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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.

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News ([www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage](http://www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage))

Atlanta, GA (404) 562-5850 - PYMNATL@ams.usda.gov / Des Moines, IA (515) 284-4471 - PYMNDSM@ams.usda.gov

Prepared: 19-Apr-13 12:19 PM Central Time by LA/JRF