Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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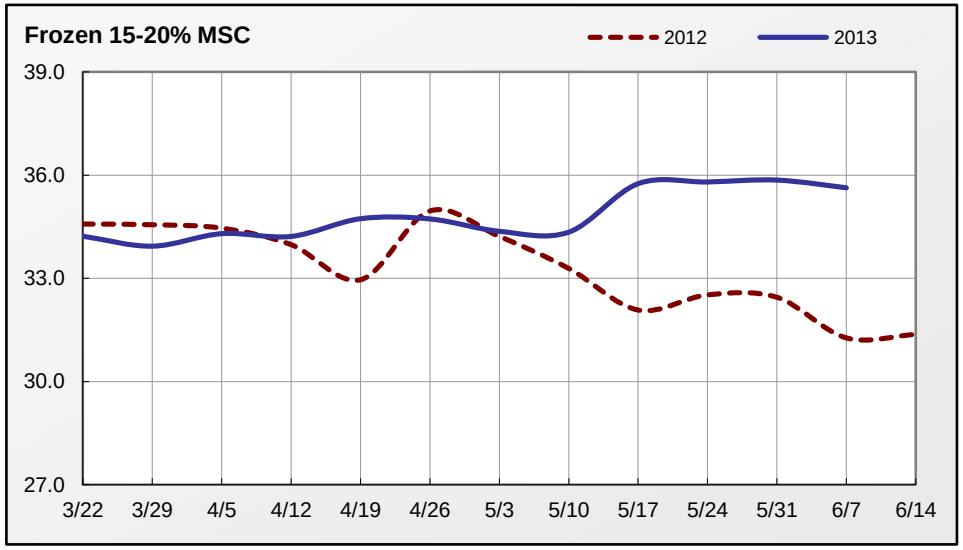
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices on MSC are trending steady with a weak undertone on all fat contents. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Demand is light to moderate into both domestic and export channels. Late this week and into next week demand has begun to slow down with spot MSC becoming more available than in recent weeks. Finished goods continue to see consistent moderate to good movement though not as strong as years past. Many in industry are closely watching the marketplace and all influencing factors, especially weather across the country and the possible effects of Hurricane Andrea off the East Coast. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate. Frames are steady and trading between 14-16.25 cents FOB, mostly 15 cents FOB.

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

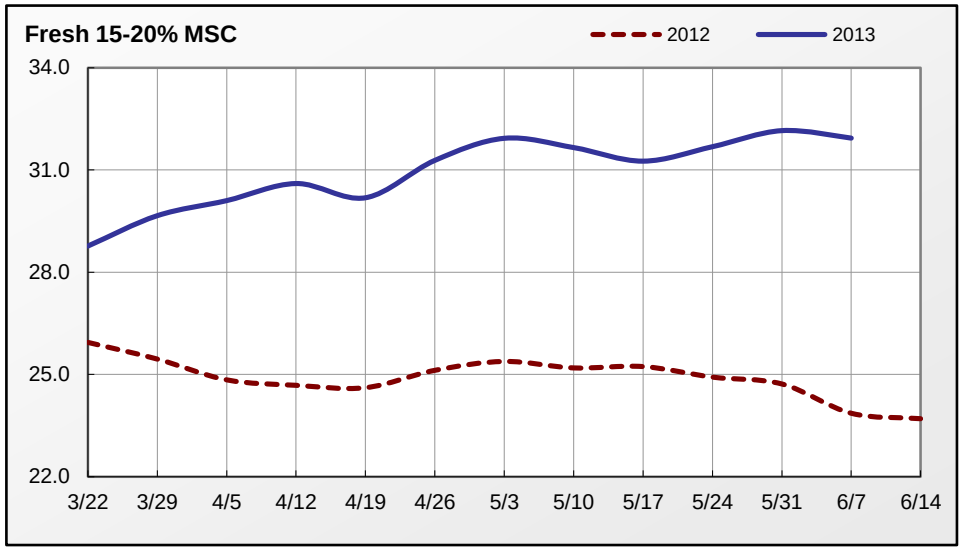
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	7-Jun-13	Last Week	Last Year	7-Jun-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		33.00	32.00	32.00 - 33.00	32.00 - 33.00	26.00
Wtd Avg Price		33.00	32.00	32.50	32.67	26.00
Volume Traded	-	40	40	163	184	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	34.00 - 37.00	34.00 - 38.00	27.00-35.00	29.00 - 36.00	29.00 - 36.50	20.00-26.50
Wtd Avg Price	35.63	35.86	31.27	31.93	32.15	23.86
Volume Traded	1,420	1,155	1,970	3,386	2,652	4,182
Volume Exported	1,340	1,155	1,930	326	286	367
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	May 2013	Apr 2013	May 2012	May 2013	Apr 2013	May 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	33.00	32.00	28.60	32.65	30.29	26.00
Volume Traded	80	40	200	816	775	612
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	34.81	34.54	32.87	31.73	30.55	25.17
Volume Traded	11,552	8,831	6,879	19,620	20,114	14,723
Volume Exported	11,112	8,191	5,879	2,570	1,428	1,795
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.14	22.30
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	286	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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