Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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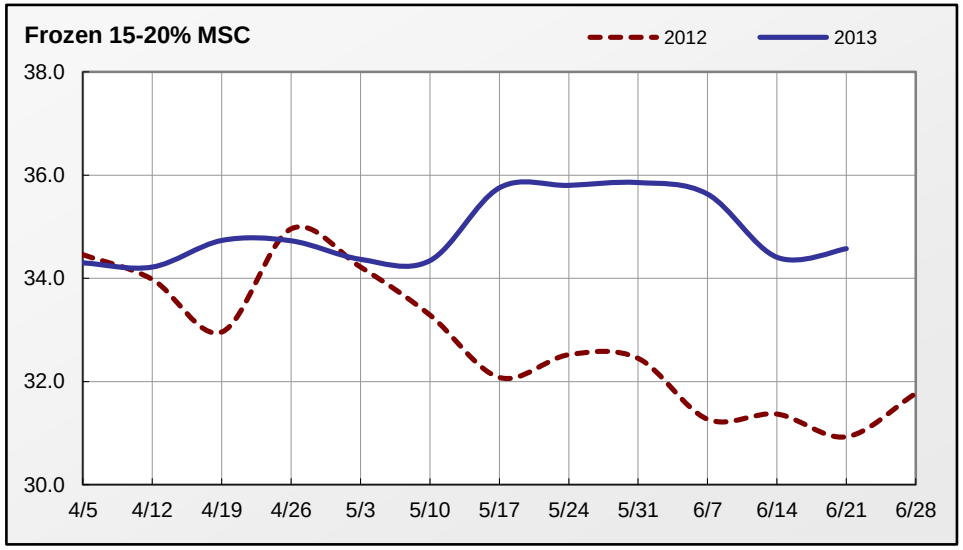
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for all fat contents of MSC are steady with a weak undertone. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal with a few disruptions noted. Demand is light to moderate into domestic and export channels. In recent weeks demand has slowed with spot MSC not clearing as quickly as before leading many to believe MSC has reached its seasonal peak. Many continue to look for any indications in spot marketplace direction. High temperatures this week have affected some bird weights and production schedules throughout the country. However the movement of finished goods remains consistent with some last minute preparations being made for the upcoming Independence Day holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak trading between 12-16 cents FOB, mostly 13-15 FOB.

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

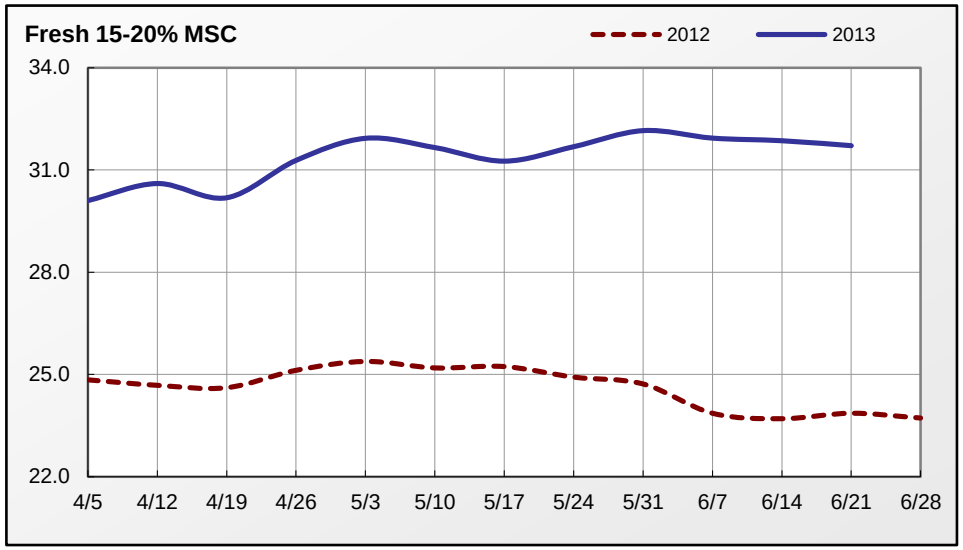
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	21-Jun-13	Last Week	Last Year	21-Jun-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	34.00	-	32.00 - 33.00	32.00 - 33.00	25.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price		34.00	-	32.67	32.69	25.71
Volume Traded	-	40	-	122	265	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	32.50 - 37.00	32.50 - 37.00	27.00-34.00	28.00 - 34.00	29.00 - 34.00	20.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.58	34.41	30.93	31.71	31.86	23.86
Volume Traded	2,295	2,340	1,390	3,040	2,647	4,754
Volume Exported	1,895	2,300	1,230	326	326	245
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	22.50	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-		22.50	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	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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