Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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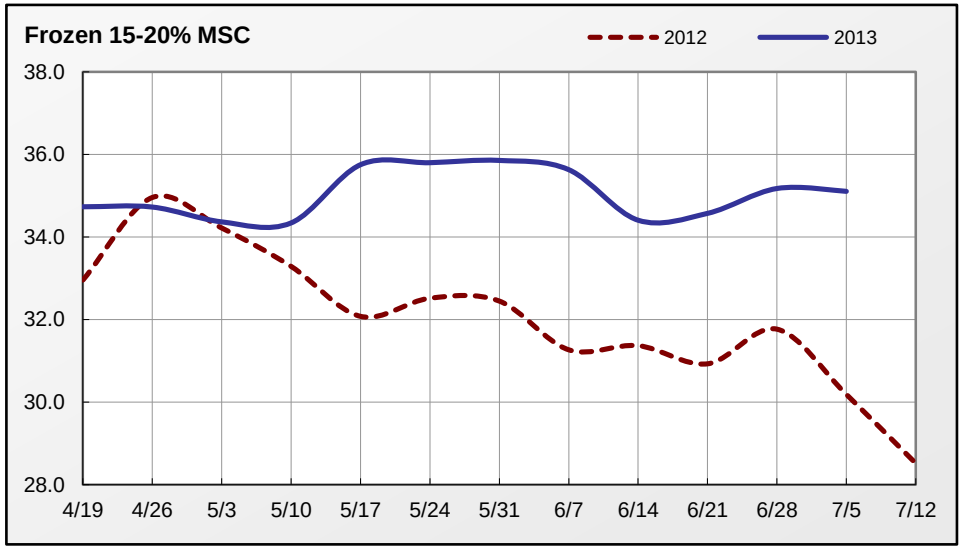
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Supplies are mixed and slow to clear. Schedules are reduced for the Independence Day holiday. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. It has been a typical slow holiday week on the spot marketplace this week with many citing the limited availability of trucks and buyers. Industry continues to monitor the spot marketplace for any indications in market direction; however most are waiting for things to settle after the holiday. Market activity is slow. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak with some discounting this week as a result of the holiday. Trading levels are between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-14 FOB.

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

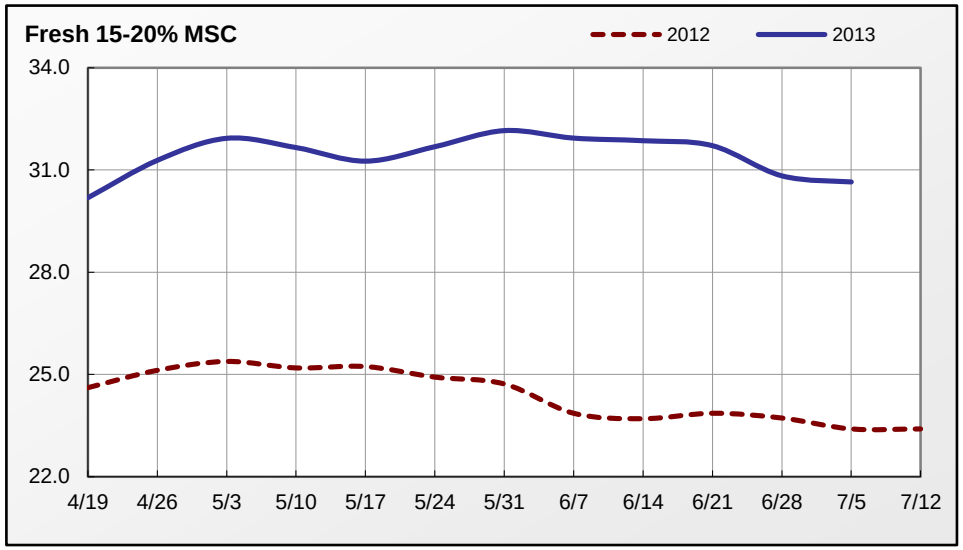
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	5-Jul-13	Last Week	Last Year	5-Jul-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	34.00	-	-	32.00 - 33.00	32.00 - 33.00	26.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.00		-	32.73	32.73	26.00
Volume Traded	40	-	-	224	224	102
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	32.00 - 38.00	32.50 - 38.00	27.00-33.00	24.00 - 35.00	24.00 - 34.00	19.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	35.11	35.18	30.19	30.65	30.83	23.40
Volume Traded	1,200	1,096	1,660	2,611	3,702	4,652
Volume Exported	1,200	1,053	1,540	367	286	449
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jun 2013	May 2013	Jun 2012	Jun 2013	May 2013	Jun 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	34.00	33.00	32.00	32.66	32.65	25.24
Volume Traded	40	80	160	775	816	653
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	34.82	34.81	31.55	31.54	31.73	23.93
Volume Traded	7,151	11,552	7,367	12,775	19,620	22,914
Volume Exported	6,588	11,112	6,987	1,265	2,570	1,591
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.30	22.50	22.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	367	367
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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