Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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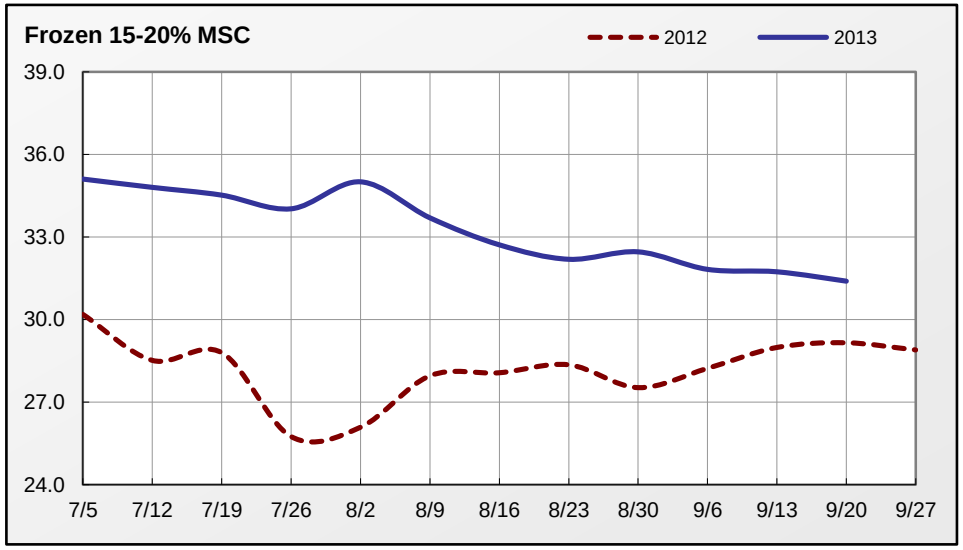
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to mostly weak on all fat contents. Demand is light to moderate into both domestic and export channels. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. MSC is currently following its traditional seasonal trend. Industry is focused on all market developments as companies make preparations and strategize for impending contract negotiations. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak and trading between 12-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-14 cents FOB.

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

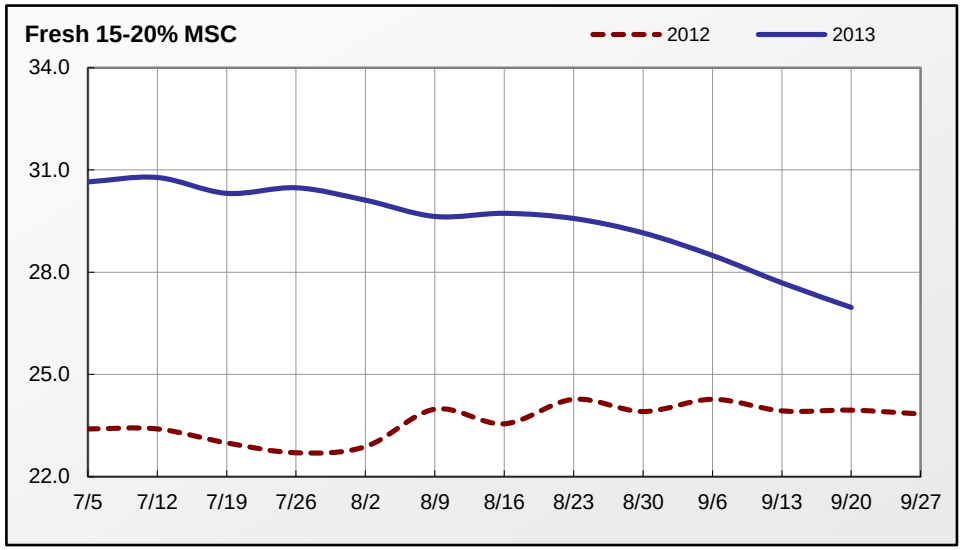
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	20-Sep-13	Last Week	Last Year	20-Sep-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	33.00	-	30.00	30.00 - 31.00	30.00 - 31.00	24.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.00		30.00	30.57	30.50	25.56
Volume Traded	40	-	40	143	163	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	29.00 - 34.00	28.00 - 36.00	26.50-31.00	23.00 - 33.00	23.00 - 32.00	20.00-27.75
Wtd Avg Price	31.40	31.74	29.16	26.97	27.69	23.95
Volume Traded	1,630	1,881	2,130	3,449	3,947	4,039
Volume Exported	1,390	1,441	2,090	612	1,142	408
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Aug 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2012	Aug 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	33.00	34.00	30.00	31.80	32.65	25.65
Volume Traded	80	40	40	816	755	877
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	33.04	34.61	27.43	29.62	30.56	23.70
Volume Traded	7,232	5,020	11,085	13,676	12,301	21,571
Volume Exported	6,036	4,740	10,205	1,877	1,142	1,468
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.20
Volume Traded	-	-	-	326	245	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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