Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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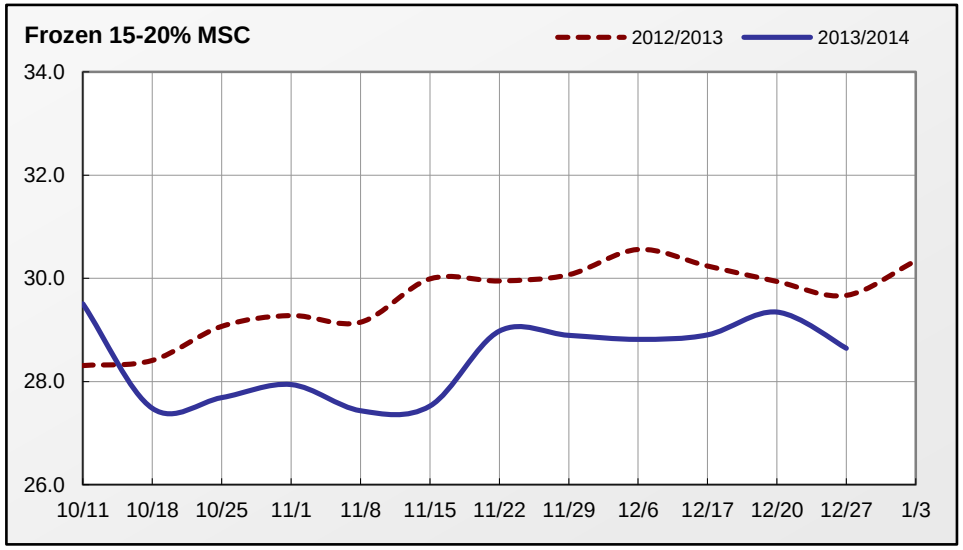
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy for current trade needs. Schedules are reduced for the Christmas holiday. Despite the spot marketplace being in its usual seasonal pattern, industry carries on monitoring it for any new developments. Contract negotiations are winding down as most have committed MSC and frames for 2014, however some are still finalizing terms; contracts with Mexico persist for many yet. Flat pricing on both MSC and frames have been confirmed at levels below those in 2013 in addition to formula pricing. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak with trading levels between 10-13 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 cents FOB.

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

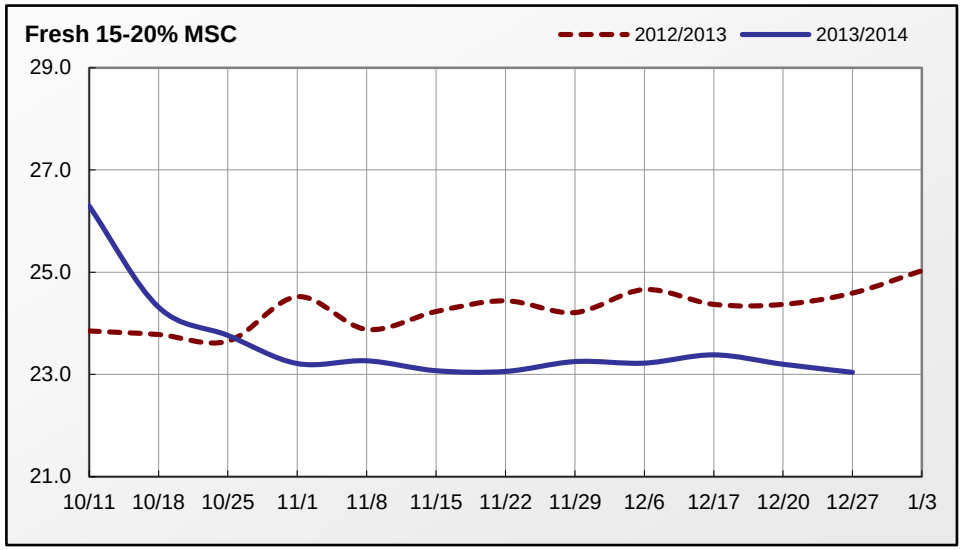
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	27-Dec-13	Last Week	Last Year	27-Dec-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	32.00	-	30.00	28.00	28.00	24.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.00		30.00	28.00	28.00	25.14
Volume Traded	40	-	40	41	122	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	27.00 - 31.00	28.00-32.00	20.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 26.00	22.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.65	29.35	30.24	23.04	23.20	24.37
Volume Traded	1,212	1,405	1,220	2,489	3,386	3,692
Volume Exported	1,212	1,165	1,100	408	1,020	612
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-		22.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-		22.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Nov 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2012	Nov 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	32.50	33.00	30.00	27.53	28.17	25.04
Volume Traded	80	40	40	734	245	938
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.01	27.60	29.74	23.17	24.01	24.24
Volume Traded	10,769	5,090	8,995	14,982	6,294	20,460
Volume Exported	9,449	4,730	7,875	2,489	1,142	2,447
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.10
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	82	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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