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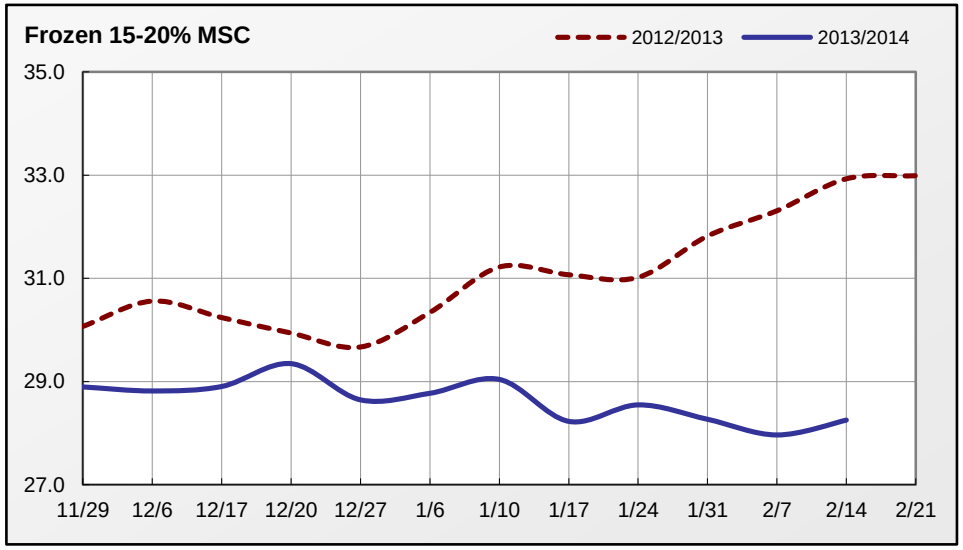
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices are trending steady on all fat contents of MSC. Domestic and export demand is light to instances good. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Schedules are reduced this week due to severe winter weather hampering much of the country. Many plants in the eastern US were closed a few days this week due to severe winter storm activity. As a result industry experienced reductions in the production of MSC and finished goods, as well as trucking delays. The shortages were met with increased activity on the spot marketplace by buyers trying to cover contractual orders not received. Industry will continue to watch for any developments on the spot marketplace, manage challenges, and work to recover from the week's events. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are moderate. Frame prices are steady 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)

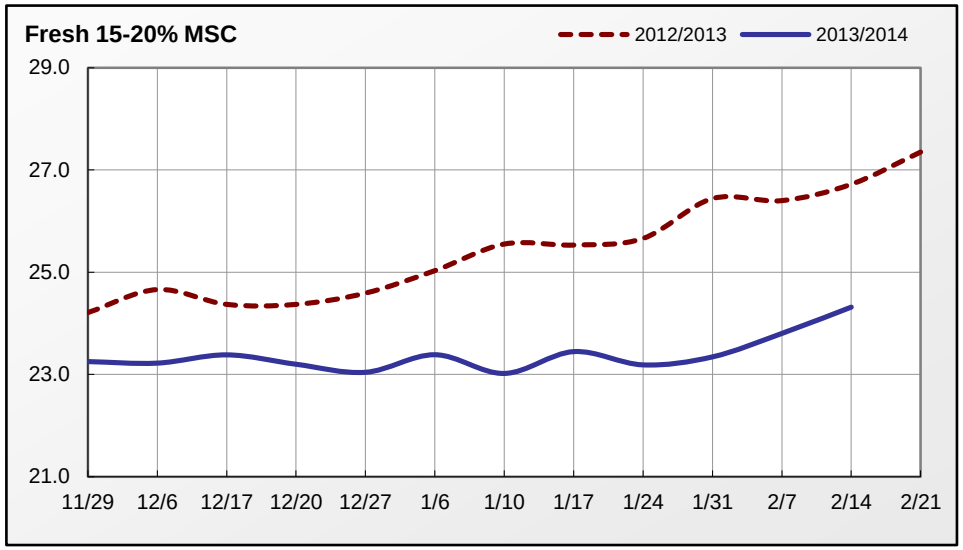
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	14-Feb-14	Last Week	Last Year	14-Feb-14	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	27.00 - 28.00	27.00 - 28.00	25.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	27.71	27.67	25.92
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	122	265
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 30.00	26.00 - 31.00	30.00-33.00	22.00 - 27.00	20.00 - 27.00	25.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.25	27.96	31.82	24.32	23.80	26.44
Volume Traded	810	1,420	1,220	3,611	2,717	4,243
Volume Exported	770	1,420	1,220	-	122	653
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.00 - 22.50	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.33	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	122	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	31.50	32.00	30.00	27.58	27.82	25.13
Volume Traded	80	80	80	775	449	653
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.53	28.93	30.97	23.27	23.21	25.48
Volume Traded	7,528	6,021	4,923	19,565	11,454	17,411
Volume Exported	6,178	5,541	4,563	3,060	2,856	5,834
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.18	22.00	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	449	245	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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