Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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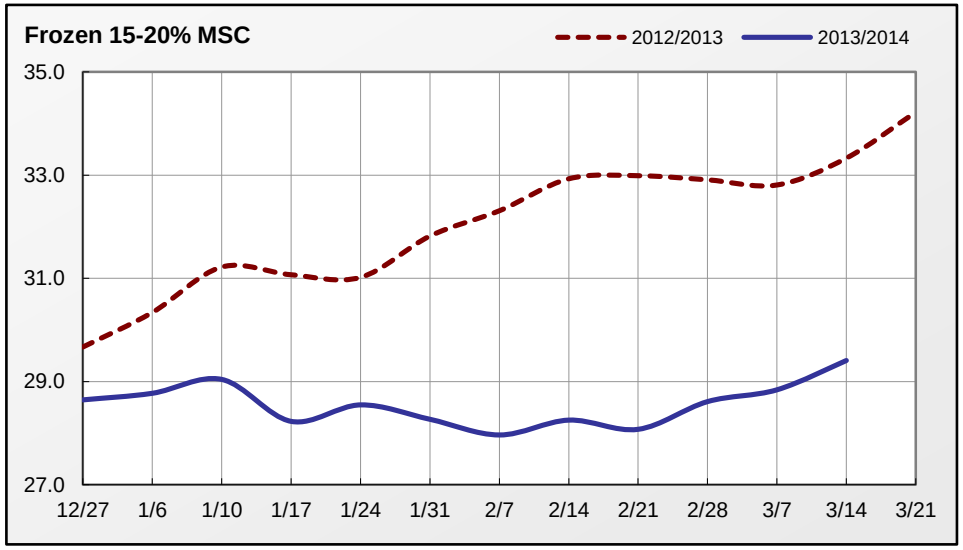
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to instances firm on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is light to instances good. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. The spot marketplace has slowed some going into Lent, however trading levels continue to be within the same price range. Industry is monitoring the marketplace, managing trucking challenges, and planning future preparations for the summer season. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are mixed. Frame prices are mostly steady with trading levels between 10-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 cents FOB.

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

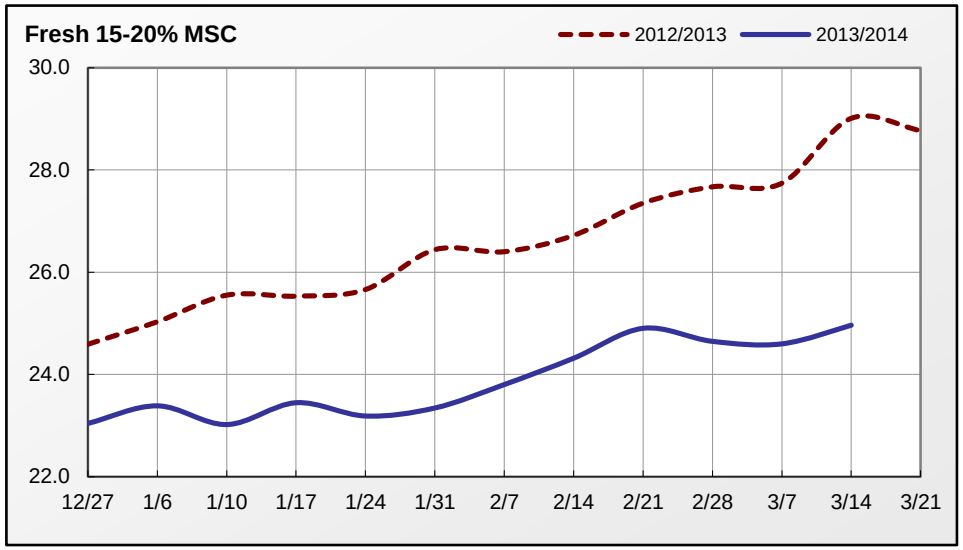
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	14-Mar-14	Last Week	Last Year	14-Mar-14	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	31.00	-	27.00 - 28.00	27.00 - 28.00	27.00-29.00
Wtd Avg Price		31.00	-	27.75	27.67	28.00
Volume Traded	-	40	-	163	184	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	27.00 - 31.00	31.00-35.00	22.00 - 27.00	21.50 - 27.00	24.50-31.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.41	28.84	32.91	24.96	24.60	27.67
Volume Traded	2,070	1,080	1,265	2,600	3,774	3,896
Volume Exported	1,910	1,080	1,265	234	1,061	449
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.00 - 22.50	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.25	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	163	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	31.50	30.00	27.79	27.58	26.43
Volume Traded	-	80	40	796	775	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.27	28.53	32.59	24.45	23.27	26.70
Volume Traded	5,540	7,528	5,957	13,345	19,565	17,289
Volume Exported	5,320	6,178	5,357	816	3,060	2,815
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.32	22.18	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	449	449	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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