Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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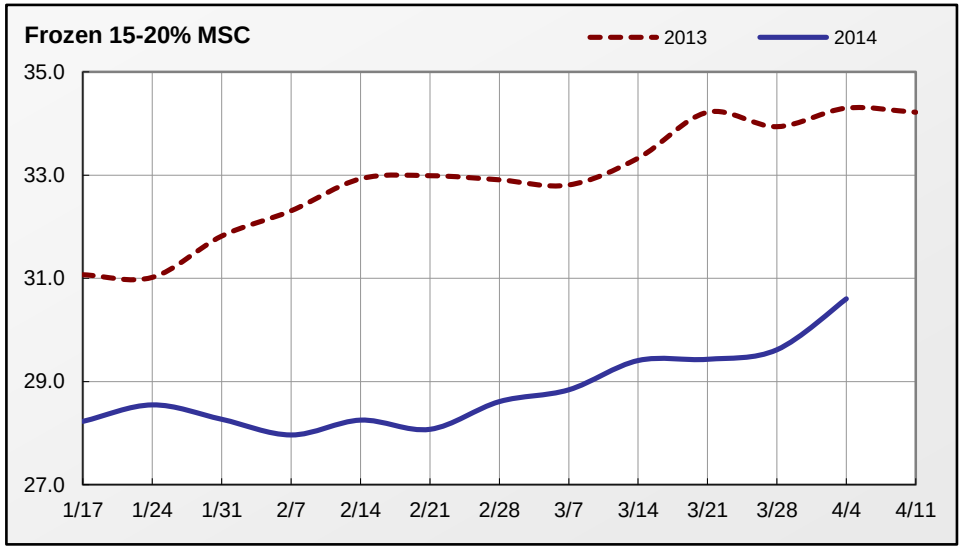
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for all fat contents of MSC are trending steady to firm. Demand into domestic and export channels is moderate to instances good, especially good demand out front. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. The complex is in good shape and product is clearing well. Demand and movement for out front is especially good. Producers are testing prices, however prices are holding at present. With the official start of baseball season this week, industry continues to closely monitor the marketplace, manage current challenges, and make future preparations. Market activity is moderate. Raw material supplies are light to moderate. Frame price are steady to firm with trading levels between 12-15 cents FOB, mostly 13-14 cents FOB.

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

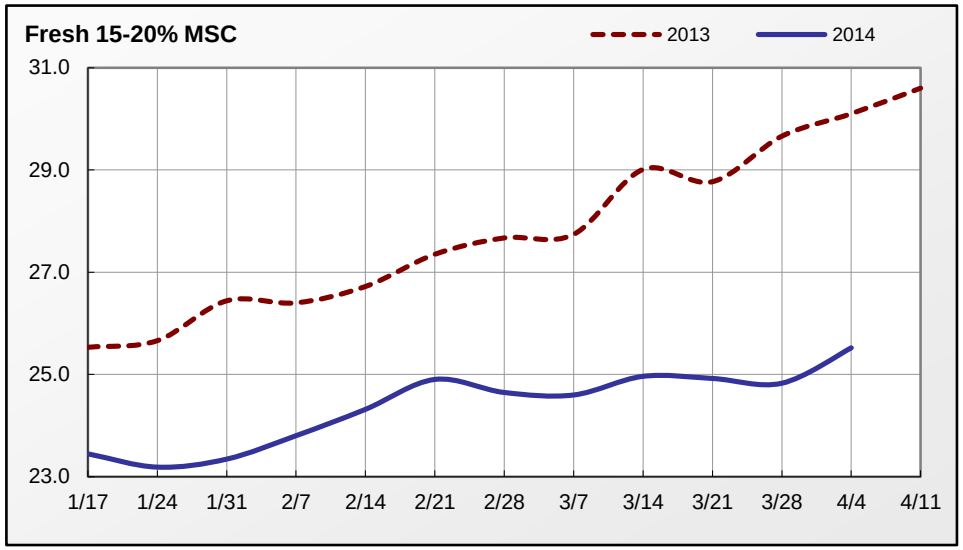
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	4-Apr-14	Last Week	Last Year	4-Apr-14	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	31.00	31.00	32.00	27.00 - 28.00	27.00	29.00-31.00
Wtd Avg Price	31.00	31.00	32.00	27.50	27.57	30.00
Volume Traded	40	40	40	163	143	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	28.00 - 33.00	27.50 - 33.00	33.00-36.00	24.00 - 28.00	23.00 - 27.00	27.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.60	29.62	34.22	25.52	24.83	28.77
Volume Traded	1,805	1,605	1,135	3,356	2,644	3,529
Volume Exported	1,365	1,605	935	530	204	367
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00 - 22.50	22.50	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.25	22.50	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Mar 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2013	Mar 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2013
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	31.00	-	31.00	27.76	27.79	29.16
Volume Traded	80	-	80	673	796	561
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	29.37	28.27	33.40	24.81	24.45	28.52
Volume Traded	5,930	5,540	6,348	11,854	13,345	17,485
Volume Exported	5,690	5,320	5,700	1,703	816	1,958
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.36	22.32	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	449	449	367
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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