



**Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)**  
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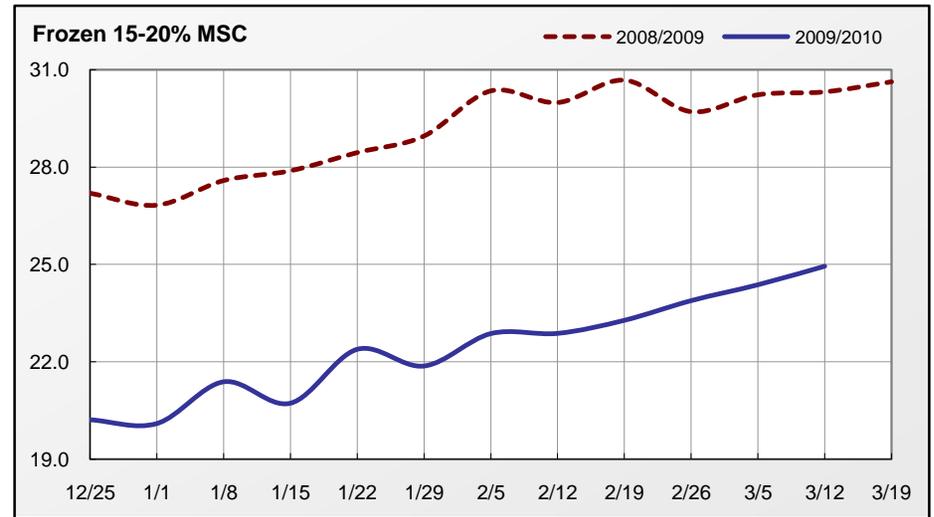
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The market tone on frozen 15-20% was fully steady to mostly firm and generally steady for the remainder of fat contents. Supplies of frozen 15-20% were tight, fresh 15-20% adequate, and about adequate on the balance. Supplies of raw materials were closely balanced to tight. Much of the industry was closely monitoring the marketplace trying to understand its current state and looking for any indications of the possible future outlook of MSC production, availability, and pricing. Export and domestic demand was fair to instances good on fresh 15-20% and moderate to good on frozen 15-20%. Buyer interest and trading out front on frozen 15-20% remains very good with firm trading levels and asking prices. MSC was receiving best call and movement into the Caribbean and Central American countries with Mexico seasonally quiet during Lent. Schedules were mostly normal with some variability noted due to the limited availability of raw materials. Frame values were fully steady and trading mostly 8-10 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	12-Mar-10	Last Week	Last Year	12-Mar-10	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range		25.00	-	23.00	21.00	27.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price		25.00	-	23.00	21.00	28.48
Volume Traded	-	40	-	102	122	315
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	53
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	21.00 - 28.00	20.00 - 28.00	27.00-36.00	17.50 - 25.00	16.50 - 22.00	23.00-31.00
Wtd Avg Price	24.95	24.38	30.32	19.54	18.93	25.62
Volume Traded	1,133	1,317	1,820	2,938	4,570	3,282
Volume Exported	1,053	985	1,500	306	469	938
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	19.00	17.00 - 18.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	19.00	17.50	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2009
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	24.50	24.00	-	19.93	18.78	28.22
Volume Traded	40	80	-	1,182	1,689	1,101
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	214
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	23.18	21.31	30.12	17.96	17.57	25.03
Volume Traded	7,348	6,700	6,505	18,692	15,974	14,414
Volume Exported	5,815	5,940	5,044	4,039	2,162	4,447
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	16.63	16.08	23.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	326	530	325
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

