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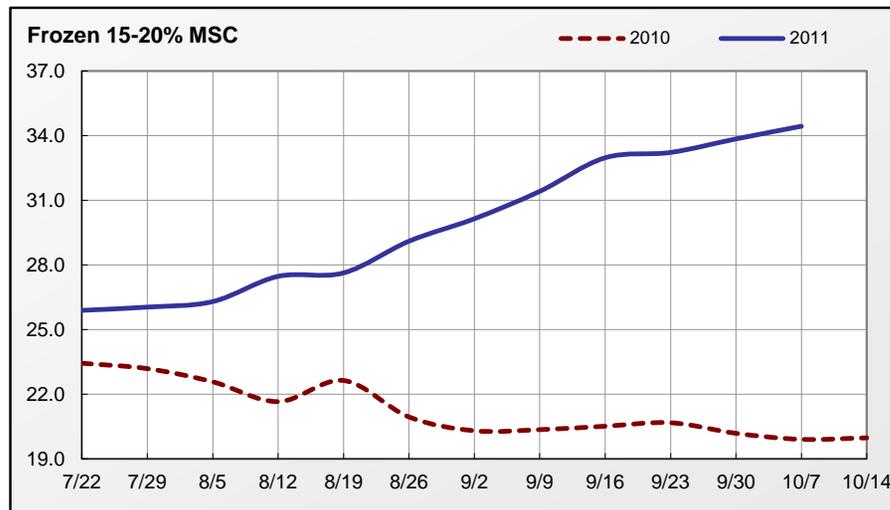
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices trended steady to weak on fresh 15-20% and mostly steady on the remainder of fat contents. Supplies of MSC were light to heavy. Schedules were normal. Domestic demand was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with most interest on frozen 15-20% for Asia, Central America, and the Caribbean. The spot marketplace has slowed in recent weeks indicating a possible shift to more seasonal patterns. With the fluctuation in the marketplace, many are left to wonder when and where it will finally settle. In light of this, industry persists in closely monitoring the marketplace, as well as a variety of influencing factors (i.e. production, frame and MSC availability, input costs, demand, and MSC prices) in hopes of garnering some kind of reliable direction in predicting the future marketplace. Negotiations for 2012 contracts have officially begun for a majority of the industry these past two weeks with a few more set to start in coming weeks. Market activity was moderate to instances active with some seasonal slowing noted. Supplies of raw materials were light. Frames traded mostly between 13-14 cents FOB.

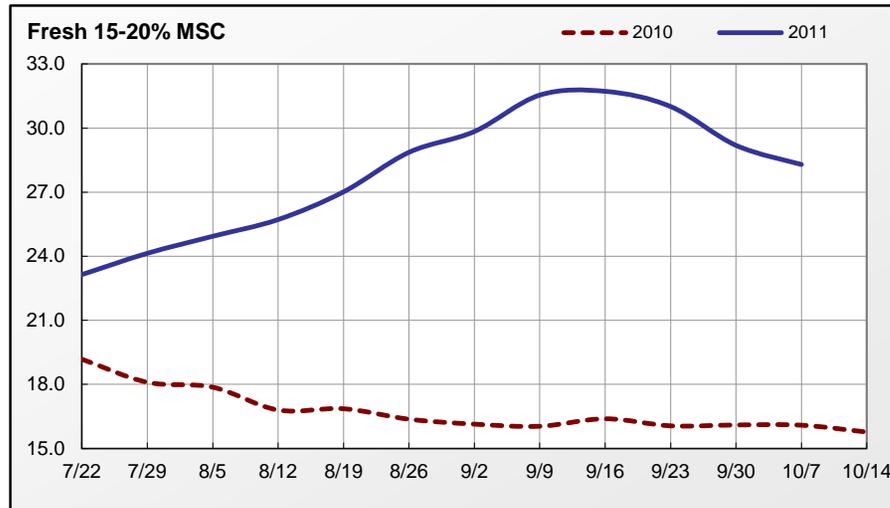
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	7-Oct-11	Last Week	Last Year	7-Oct-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	32.00	30.00 - 32.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	32.00	31.33	18.57
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	122	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	32.00 - 38.00	31.00 - 38.00	15.00-22.00	24.00 - 33.00	25.00 - 33.00	12.50-19.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.43	33.85	19.91	28.30	29.19	16.09
Volume Traded	2,065	2,024	1,284	3,600	3,070	3,372
Volume Exported	1,745	1,824	1,164	408	571	612
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	18.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	18.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Sep 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2010	Sep 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2010
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	32.06	27.24	18.80
Volume Traded	-	-	-	839	592	408
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	32.48	27.62	20.43	30.69	26.57	16.14
Volume Traded	8,432	6,288	6,576	17,023	16,134	12,811
Volume Exported	7,872	5,888	6,336	4,406	2,489	1,999
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	20.67	17.75
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	245	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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