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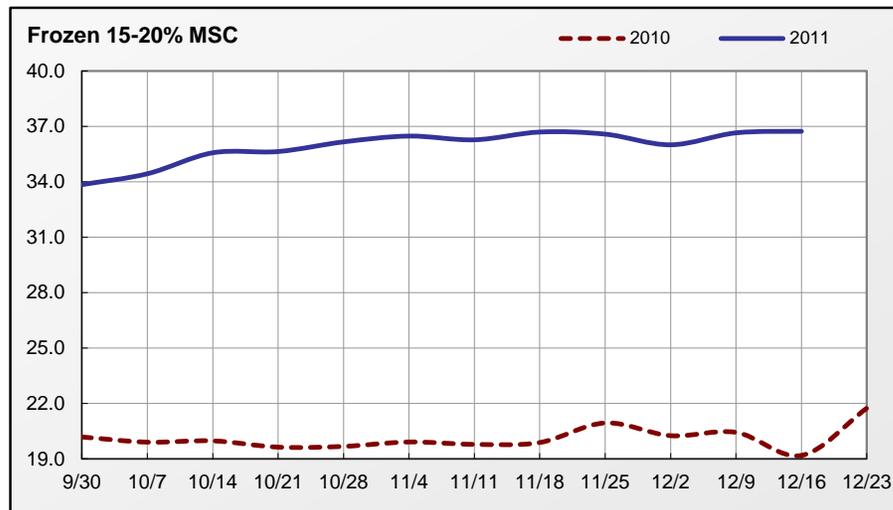
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices trended steady to firm on all fat contents. Supplies were light to moderate. Schedules were normal. Domestic demand was moderate. Export demand was moderate to good with continued good interest on frozen 15-20%. The spot marketplace remains a bit stronger this week as buyers build inventories for the upcoming holidays and take advantage of cheaper contract pricing before the start of 2012. Industry breaths a heavy sigh, waiting to see how the marketplace develops in 2012; but for now it focuses on the fast approaching holiday and the many preparations associated. Contract negotiations for 2012 finalized on both a formula basis and at higher levels than 2011 and preceding years. Frame contracts also closed at much higher levels for 2012. Market activity was moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials were light. Frames traded between 13-17 cents FOB.

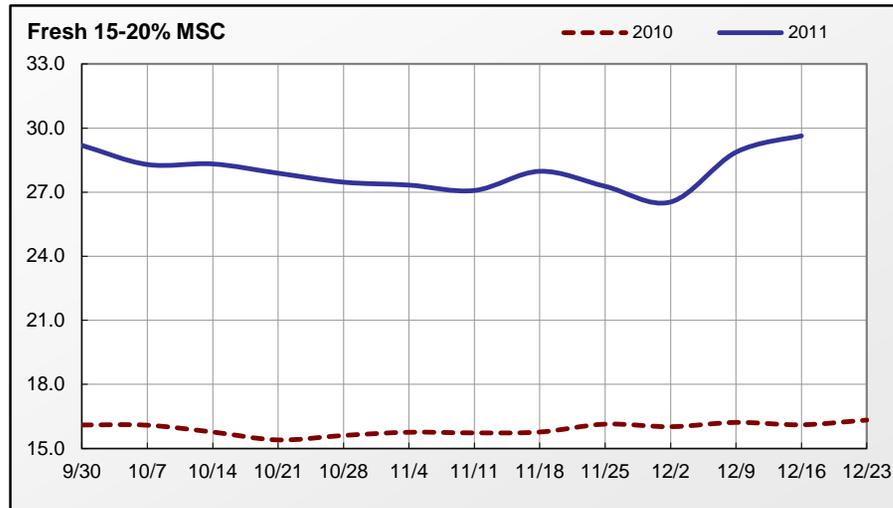
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	16-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year	16-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	32.00	31.00 - 32.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	32.00	31.80	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	61	204	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	34.00 - 40.00	33.00 - 41.00	15.00-26.00	26.00 - 33.50	25.00 - 33.00	13.00-20.50
Wtd Avg Price	36.73	36.65	19.19	29.64	28.87	16.11
Volume Traded	1,640	1,474	1,794	4,264	3,683	3,994
Volume Exported	1,280	1,314	1,514	1,469	1,225	898
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	19.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	31.74	30.86	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	469	592	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	36.48	35.47	20.04	27.39	28.01	15.85
Volume Traded	6,588	8,651	5,595	13,433	14,870	12,556
Volume Exported	5,465	7,811	4,755	2,285	3,182	2,856
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.55	-	19.38
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	-	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

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