



**Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)**

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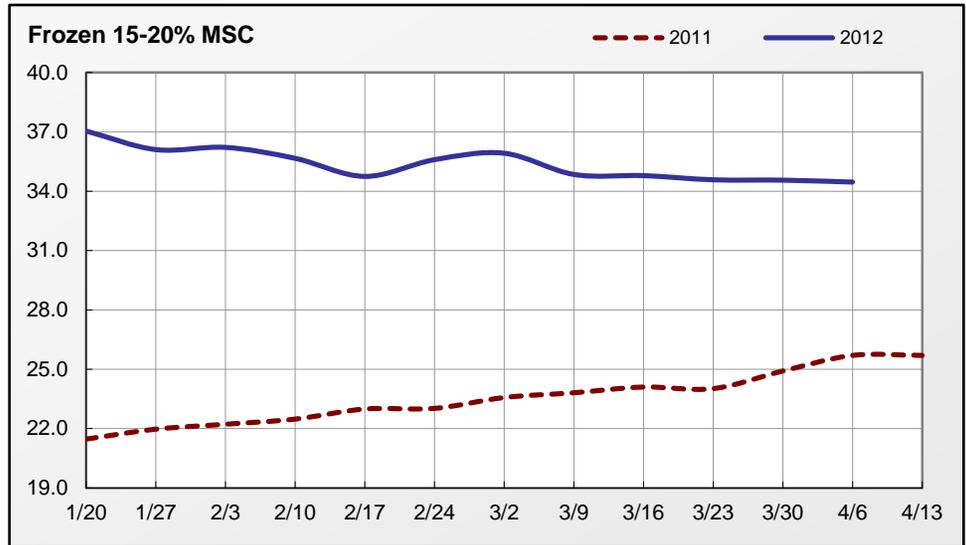
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices trended steady to weak on fresh 15-20% and steady for the balance of fat contents. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal to reduced. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate at best going into the Easter holiday. As expected, the spot marketplace is slow for Holy week, however industry anticipates interest and buying to pick up after Easter as buyers ramp up production of finished goods to prepare for the summer season. In the meantime, producers utilize all options available this week to stay ahead on spot sales of MSC and maintain a cautious and conservative outlook of the future of the spot marketplace. Market activity is light. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frame trading is between 10-15 cents FOB.

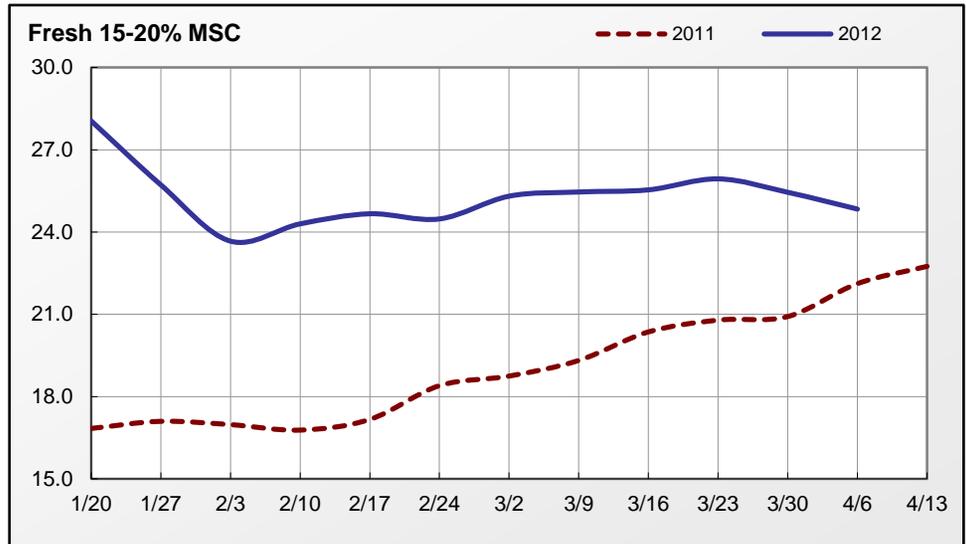
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	6-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year	6-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			28.00	27.00	26.00 - 27.00	23.00
Wtd Avg Price			28.00	27.00	26.75	23.00
Volume Traded	-	-	80	82	163	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	31.00 - 38.00	31.00 - 38.00	24.00-27.00	20.00 - 29.00	20.00 - 30.00	20.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.46	34.56	25.70	24.84	25.45	22.12
Volume Traded	1,650	1,685	1,752	3,702	3,703	4,119
Volume Exported	1,450	1,325	1,472	530	592	-
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2011	Mar 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2011
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	26.92	27.56	20.83
Volume Traded	-	-	-	775	653	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	34.92	35.46	23.86	25.56	24.33	19.80
Volume Traded	9,964	7,800	6,170	19,562	15,773	13,826
Volume Exported	8,629	6,839	5,930	4,264	2,693	1,183
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.30	22.38	18.91
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	163	449
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis ([www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm))

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