



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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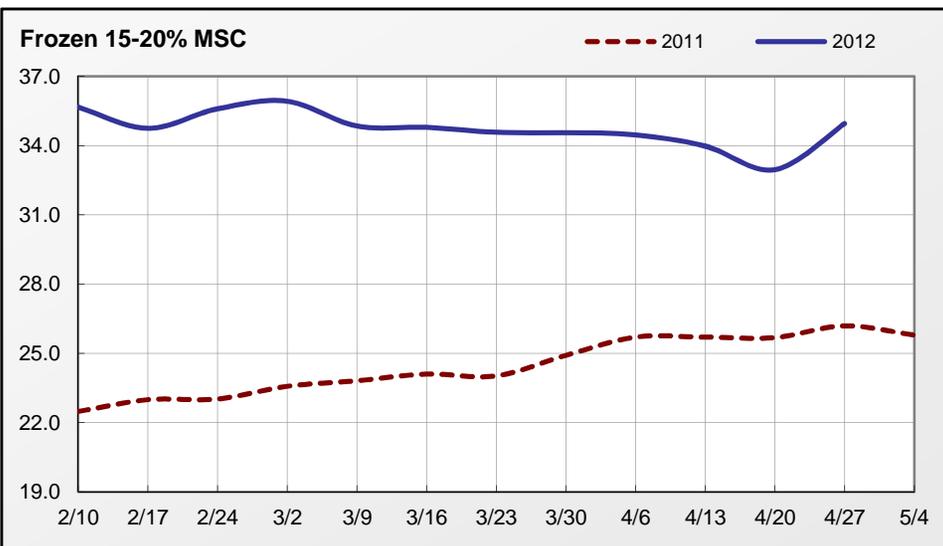
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices are trending steady on MSC. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are mostly normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. The spot marketplace is slow to moderate as producers were somewhat cautious and took a conservative outlook on the future marketplace and continue to utilize all options available to stay ahead on spot sales of MSC. Market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of raw material are moderate to heavy. Spot trading for frames was noted at 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-13.50 FOB.

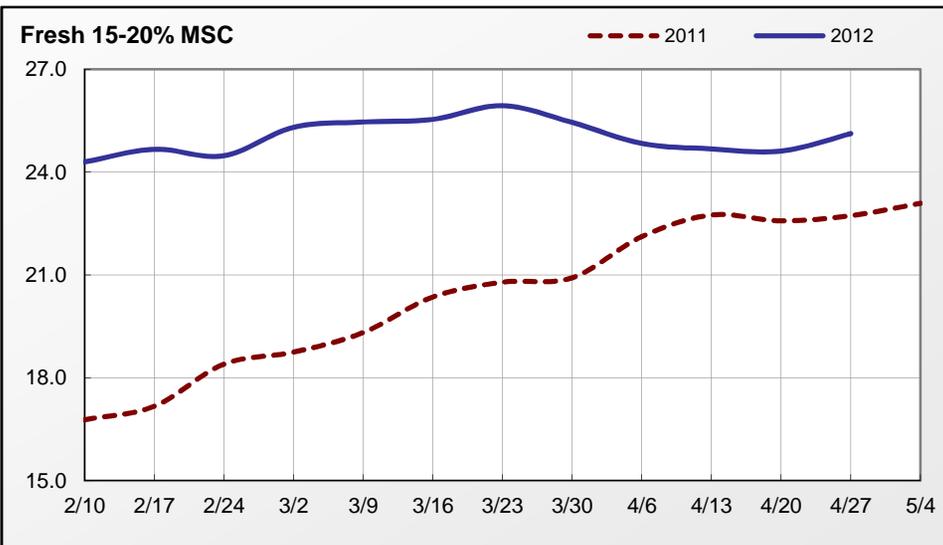
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	27-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year	27-Apr-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	25.25	-	26.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.25		26.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	-	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	32.00 - 37.00	28.00 - 37.00	24.00-29.00	22.50 - 35.00	18.00 - 27.00	20.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.96	32.96	26.19	25.12	24.61	22.73
Volume Traded	1,175	2,241	1,898	4,002	3,259	3,345
Volume Exported	935	1,601	1,578	691	204	-
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	122
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
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	26.92	27.56	20.83
Volume Traded	-	-	-	775	653	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
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
20% or More						
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)

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