



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

Fri. May 25, 2012

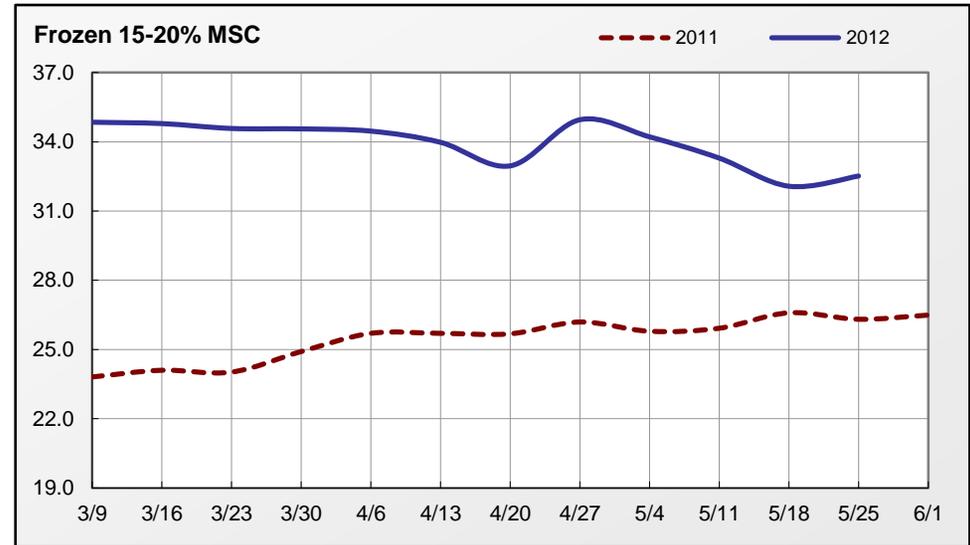
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Fresh MSC prices are steady to lower. The undertone is about steady on all fat contents. Demand into both domestic and import channels are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Schedules are varied, full-time to reduced due to Memorial Day weekend. Many are reporting transportation difficulties due to the extended holiday weekend and other commodities competing for trucks. Some noting increased interest for next week's product as finished processors begin post-holiday production. Many sellers continue to utilize all options and maintain a watchful eye and an attitude of caution with regard to the marketplace ahead. Market activity continues light to moderate. Supplies of raw material are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 9-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

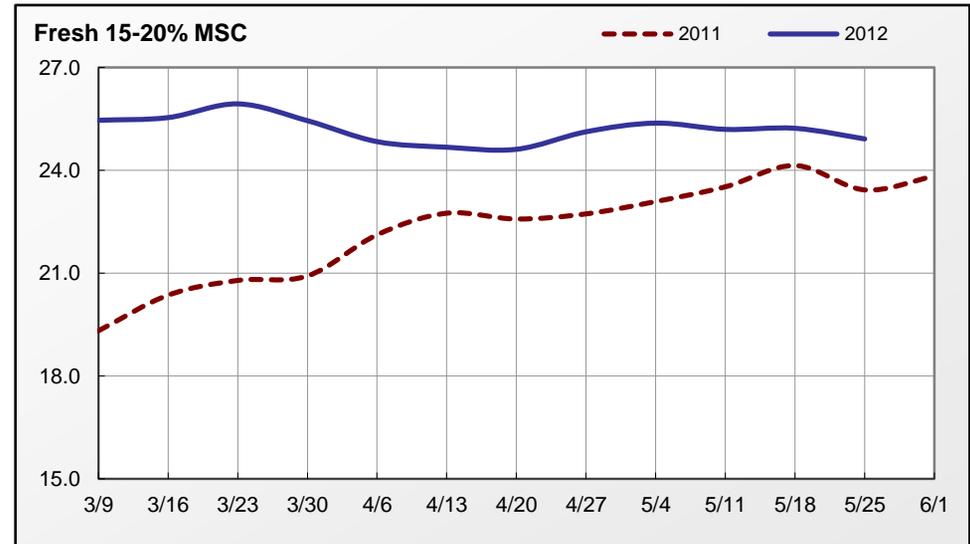
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	25-May-12	Last Week	Last Year	25-May-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range		28.00 - 30.00	-	26.00 - 27.00	27.00	23.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price		28.60	-	26.75	27.00	24.56
Volume Traded	-	200	-	163	122	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	29.00 - 34.00	28.00 - 36.00	24.00-28.00	20.00 - 28.00	22.00 - 28.00	20.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	32.52	32.08	26.31	24.92	25.23	23.43
Volume Traded	1,075	2,595	1,720	3,917	3,716	3,926
Volume Exported	955	2,155	1,520	612	408	571
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	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		
	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011	Apr 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2011
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	28.00	25.39	26.92	23.86
Volume Traded	-	-	80	367	775	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	33.93	34.92	25.64	24.83	25.56	22.23
Volume Traded	6,532	9,964	9,019	14,195	19,562	17,678
Volume Exported	5,292	8,629	7,939	1,997	4,264	245
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.30	19.20
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	408	612
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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