



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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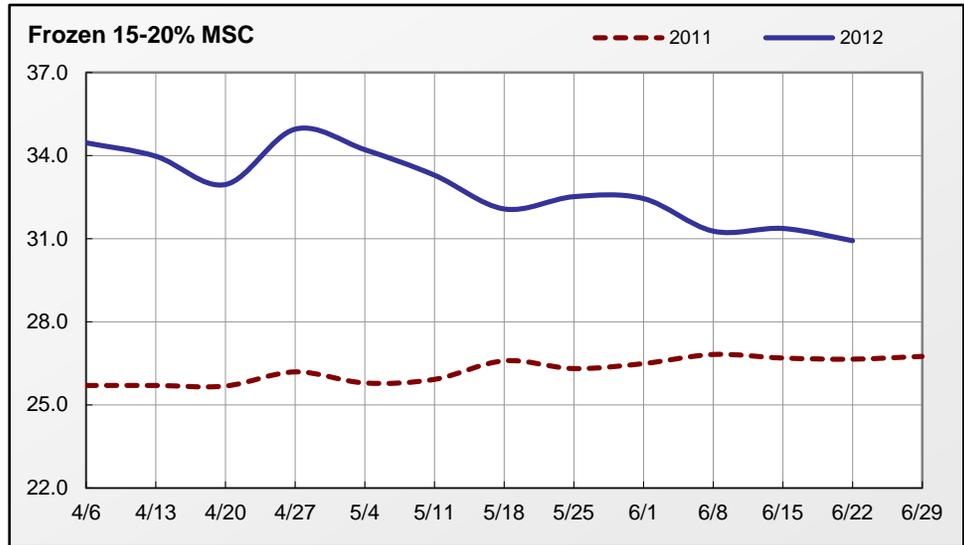
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for MSC are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Interest and movement of MSC are flat and disappointing to many as it approaches the Fourth of July, its traditional seasonal peak. Despite everything industry maintains a close eye on any developments in the spot marketplace in order to readily react. Many continue to sell frames and stay out front on spot MSC sales to keep inventories low and stay off the spot marketplace. Trucking availability remains a struggle as the poultry industry endures fierce competition from other commodities. Market activity is light to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

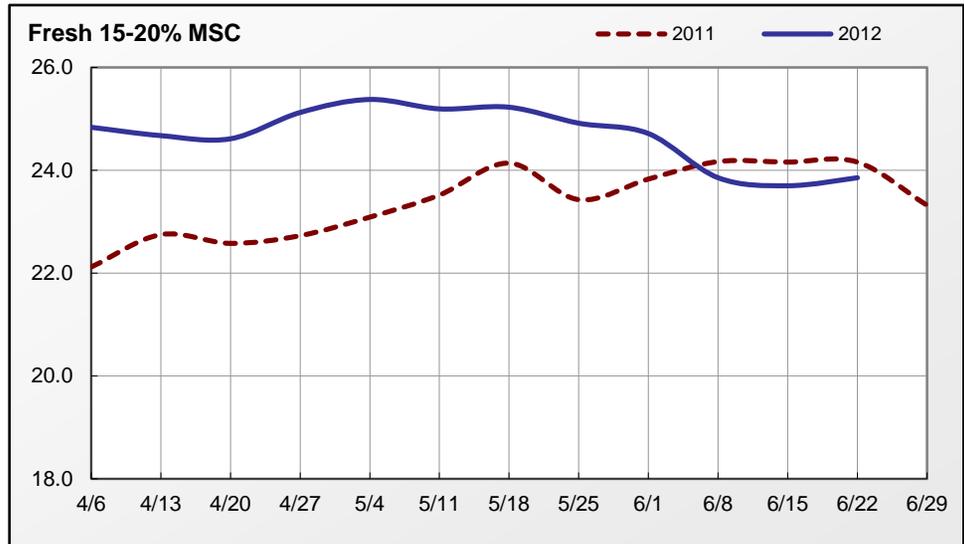
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	22-Jun-12	Last Week	Last Year	22-Jun-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	25.00 - 26.00	26.00	25.00-29.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.71	26.00	26.60
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	82	102
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 34.00	24.00-29.00	20.00 - 26.00	21.00 - 26.50	20.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.93	31.37	26.65	23.86	23.70	24.16
Volume Traded	1,390	1,470	1,680	4,754	5,447	4,386
Volume Exported	1,230	1,430	1,480	245	367	163
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.00	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.00	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	May 2012	Apr 2012	May 2011	May 2012	Apr 2012	May 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	28.60	-	-	26.00	25.39	24.88
Volume Traded	200	-	-	612	367	673
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	32.87	33.93	26.13	25.17	24.83	23.54
Volume Traded	6,879	6,532	7,008	14,723	14,195	14,807
Volume Exported	5,879	5,292	6,186	1,795	1,997	938
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.30	22.50	19.78
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	245	367
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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