



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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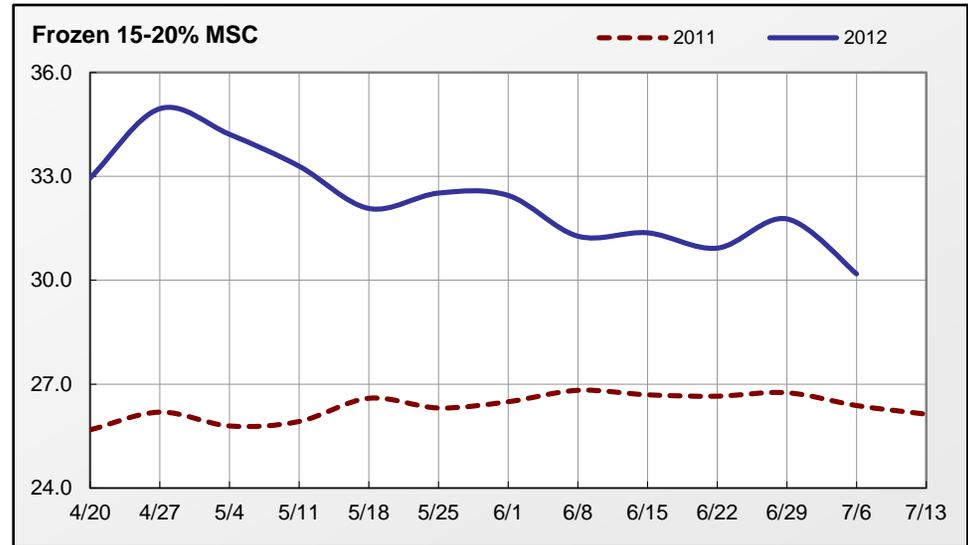
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices for MSC are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Demand is light to moderate both domestically and for export. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are reduced for the 4th of July holiday. The Independence holiday came and went with little fluctuation in demand or price to suggest MSC has reached its traditional seasonal peak. Many continue to closely monitor the marketplace and stay out front on spot MSC and frame sales. Issues with truck availability have improved, but remain a struggle in places. Market activity is light to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 9-15 cents FOB, mostly 9-13 FOB.

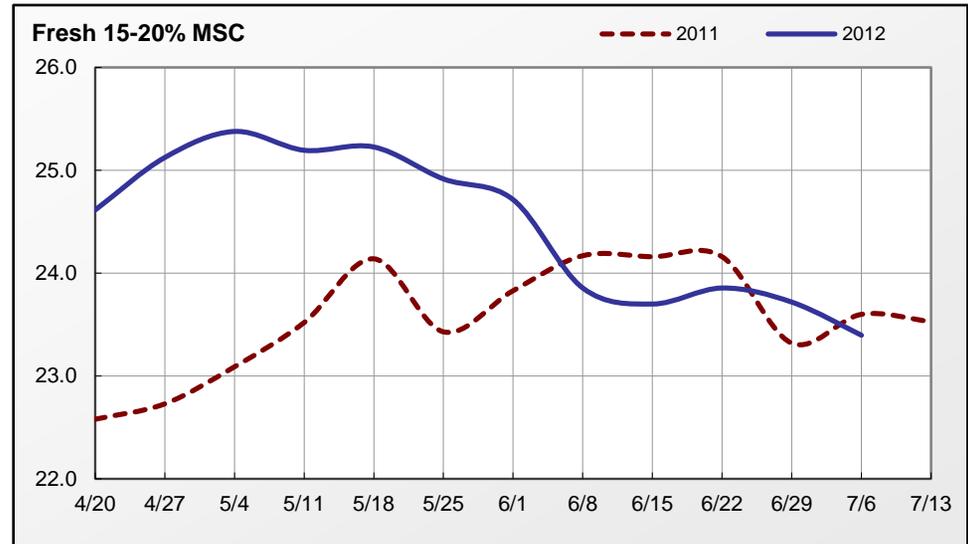
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	6-Jul-12	Last Week	Last Year	6-Jul-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	28.00 - 34.00	-	26.00	23.25 - 25.25	25.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	32.00	-	26.00	24.60	25.00
Volume Traded	-	120	-	102	265	61
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 33.00	27.00 - 34.00	24.00-28.00	19.00 - 26.00	20.00 - 28.00	20.50-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.19	31.77	26.38	23.40	23.72	23.60
Volume Traded	1,660	925	1,390	4,652	4,880	4,202
Volume Exported	1,540	865	1,390	449	408	326
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	22.00	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	22.00	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jun 2012	May 2012	Jun 2011	Jun 2012	May 2012	Jun 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	32.00	28.60	-	25.24	26.00	25.65
Volume Traded	160	200	-	653	612	755
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	31.55	32.87	26.66	23.93	25.17	24.09
Volume Traded	7,367	6,879	6,656	22,914	14,723	17,625
Volume Exported	6,987	5,879	5,816	1,591	1,795	898
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.33	22.30	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	204	408
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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