



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

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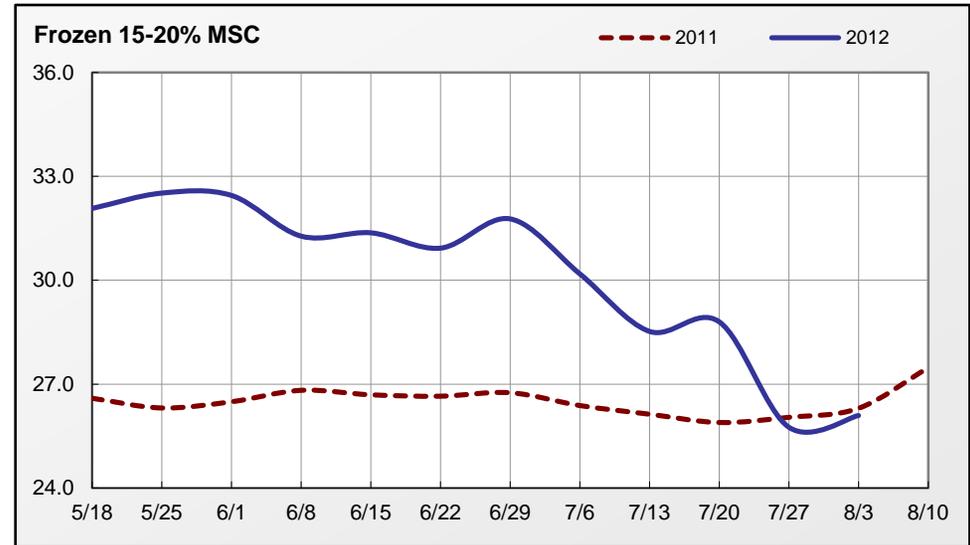
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels are light to moderate at best. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Summer has fallen short of many expectations both in regard to interest and movement of MSC and finished goods. As a result, many continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC and frames. Industry as a whole is closely monitoring the marketplace, especially the looming grain markets, to strategize possible company positions; however many are content to wait and see how market factors play out before entering any serious contract negotiations. Market activity is slow. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 10-15 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 FOB.

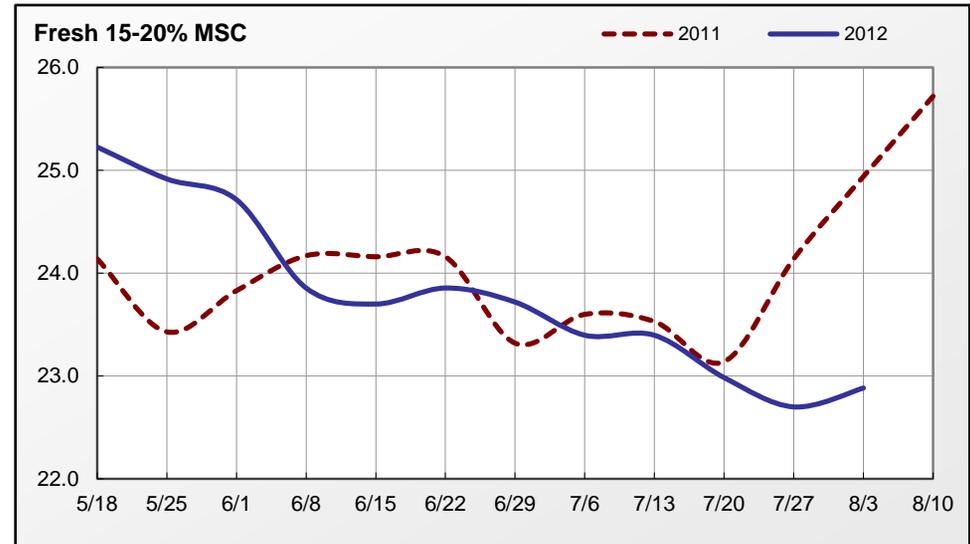
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	3-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year	3-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	25.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 26.00	25.00-29.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	25.67	25.71	26.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	143	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	22.00 - 29.00	18.00 - 32.00	24.00-29.00	18.50 - 26.00	18.00 - 26.00	23.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	26.09	25.75	26.30	22.88	22.70	24.94
Volume Traded	3,184	3,124	1,579	4,743	3,641	4,396
Volume Exported	2,624	2,124	1,459	326	41	571
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2011	Jul 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2011
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	32.00	-	25.76	25.24	24.43
Volume Traded	-	160	-	510	653	571
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	27.83	31.55	26.21	23.15	23.93	23.56
Volume Traded	7,907	7,367	8,116	18,068	22,914	22,513
Volume Exported	6,091	6,987	7,486	1,591	1,591	2,122
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.20	22.33	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	367	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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm))

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