



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

Fri. Aug 17, 2012

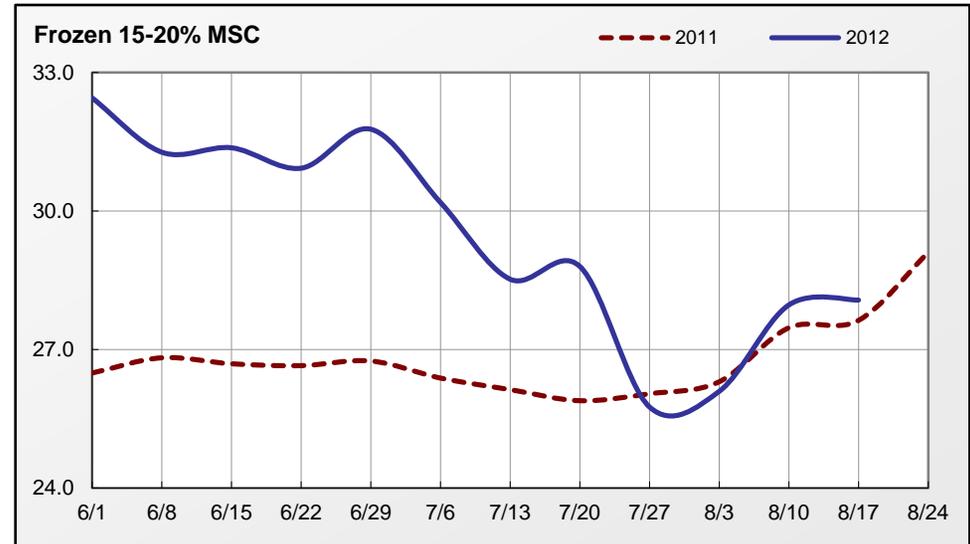
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady on all fat contents. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Schedules are normal. Demand into export and domestic channels is light to moderate. Producers continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC and frames, while buyers make last minute preparations for the fast approaching Labor Day holiday. Industry maintains a close eye on the marketplace, especially in regard to the grain markets, in order to strategize possible company positions. However many will wait to see how market factors play out before entering contract negotiations for 2013. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 FOB.

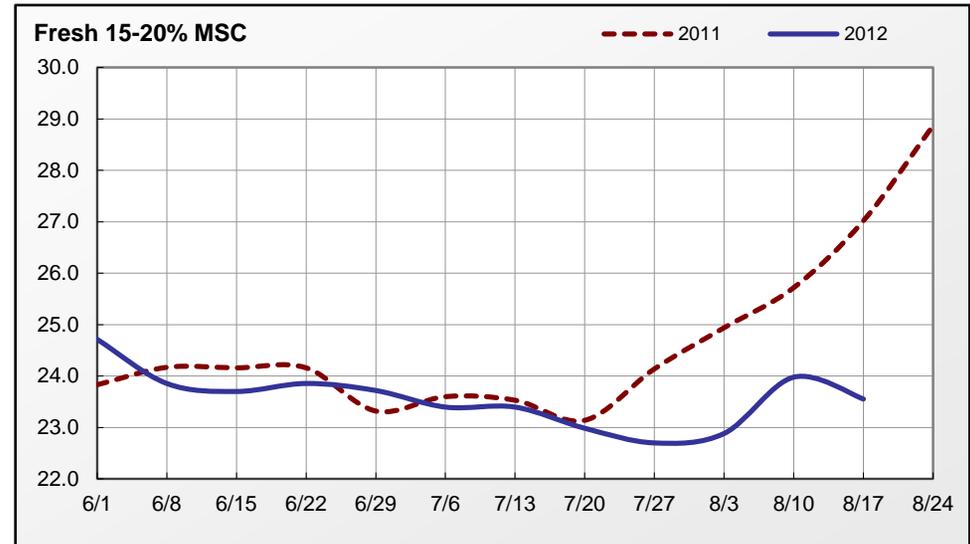
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	17-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year	17-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	30.00	-	-	25.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 26.00	26.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.75	25.83	26.80
Volume Traded	40	-	-	163	245	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	26.00 - 31.00	26.00 - 30.00	26.00-32.00	20.00 - 26.00	22.00 - 26.00	24.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.07	27.96	27.63	23.55	23.98	27.02
Volume Traded	1,275	2,123	1,630	3,794	3,917	3,876
Volume Exported	1,155	1,963	1,590	408	82	612
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.00	21.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	41
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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