



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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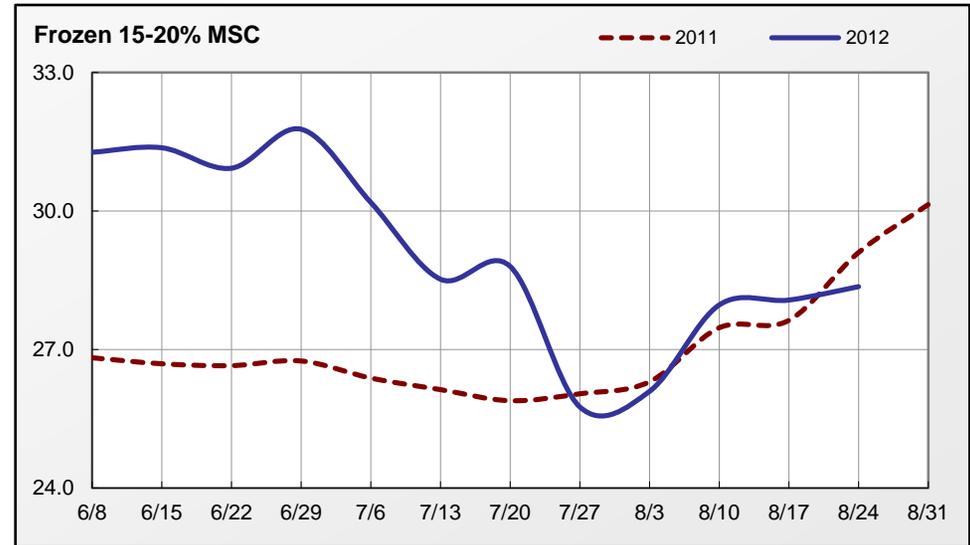
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices on all fat contents of MSC are trending steady. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal. Demand into export and domestic channels is light to moderate. Relatively speaking, MSC has seen slight improvements in demand and movement in recent weeks. However industry prepares for traditional production and purchasing patterns surrounding a holiday such as the upcoming Labor Day holiday. As a result, many producers continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC and frames. Many maintain a close eye on the marketplace, especially in regard to the grain markets, strategizing possible company positions for the approaching 2013 contract negotiations. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

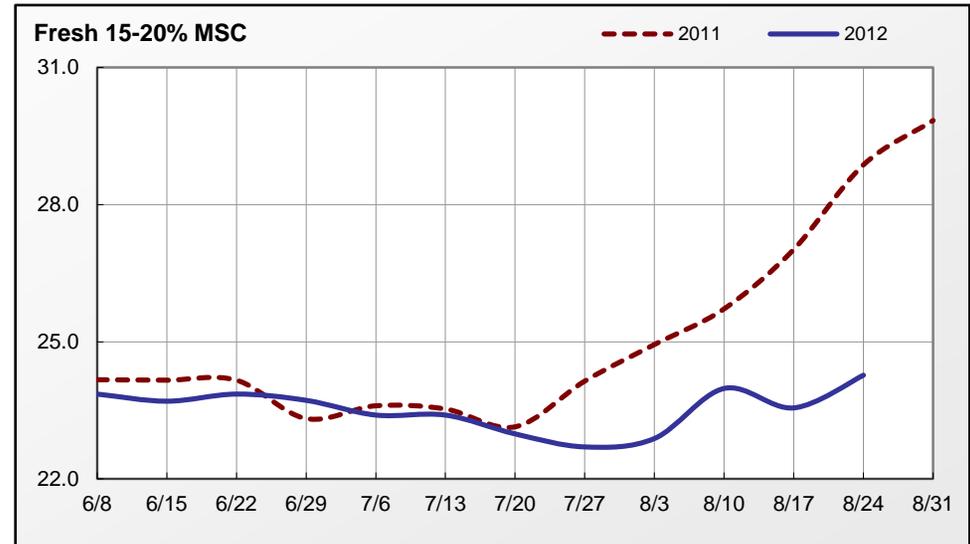
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	24-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year	24-Aug-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range		30.00	-	24.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 26.00	30.00
Wtd Avg Price		30.00	-	25.50	25.75	30.00
Volume Traded	-	40	-	163	163	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 30.00	26.00 - 31.00	26.00-32.00	21.00 - 28.00	20.00 - 26.00	26.00-34.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.36	28.07	29.10	24.27	23.55	28.87
Volume Traded	2,303	1,275	1,542	4,100	3,794	3,886
Volume Exported	2,303	1,155	1,542	326	408	612
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	22.00
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
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	32.00	-	25.76	25.24	24.43
Volume Traded	-	160	-	510	653	571
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
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
20% or More						
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)

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