



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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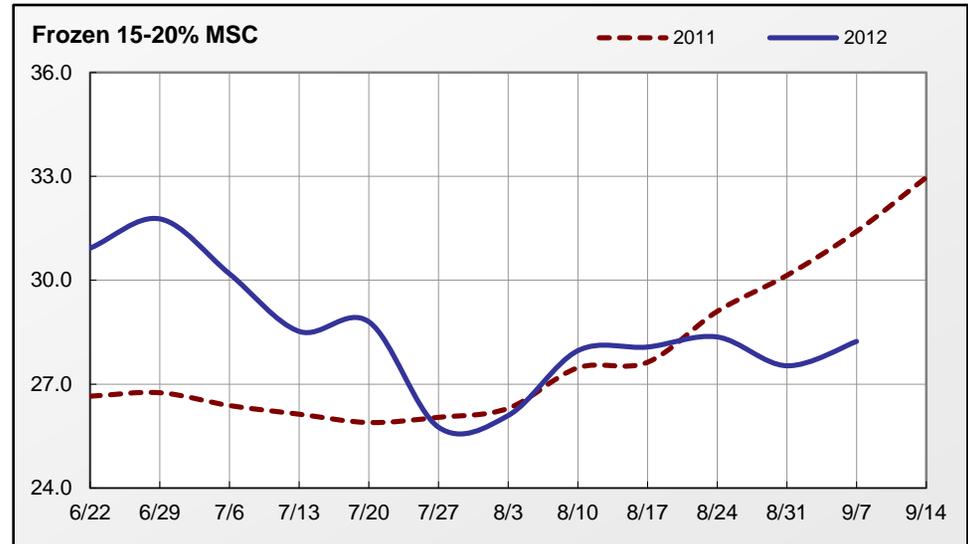
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices are trending steady on all fat contents of MSC. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal to reduced for the Labor Day holiday. Demand into export and domestic channels is light to moderate with MSC seeing slight improvements in demand and movement in recent weeks. Producers continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC and frames. Industry maintains a close eye on the marketplace with regard to the grain markets, planning possible company positions for the 2013 contract negotiations, which are underway. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-13 FOB.

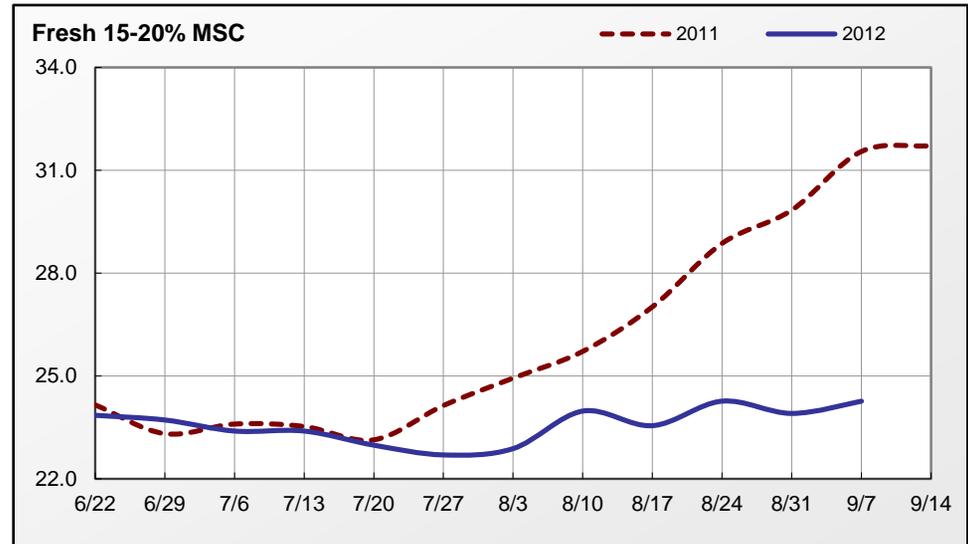
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	7-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year	7-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	30.00	-	-	24.00 - 26.00	23.50 - 26.00	32.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.33	25.44	32.00
Volume Traded	40	-	-	122	184	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 30.00	26.00 - 30.00	29.00-35.00	23.00 - 27.00	20.00 - 26.00	27.00-36.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.23	27.53	31.41	24.27	23.91	31.55
Volume Traded	1,955	2,200	1,502	4,570	5,017	2,499
Volume Exported	1,755	2,160	1,442	694	325	734
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2011	Aug 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.65	25.76	27.24
Volume Traded	40	-	-	877	510	592
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	27.43	27.83	27.62	23.70	23.15	26.57
Volume Traded	11,085	7,907	6,288	21,571	18,068	16,134
Volume Exported	10,205	6,091	5,888	1,468	1,591	2,489
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.20	22.20	20.67
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	204	245
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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