



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

Fri. Sep 14, 2012

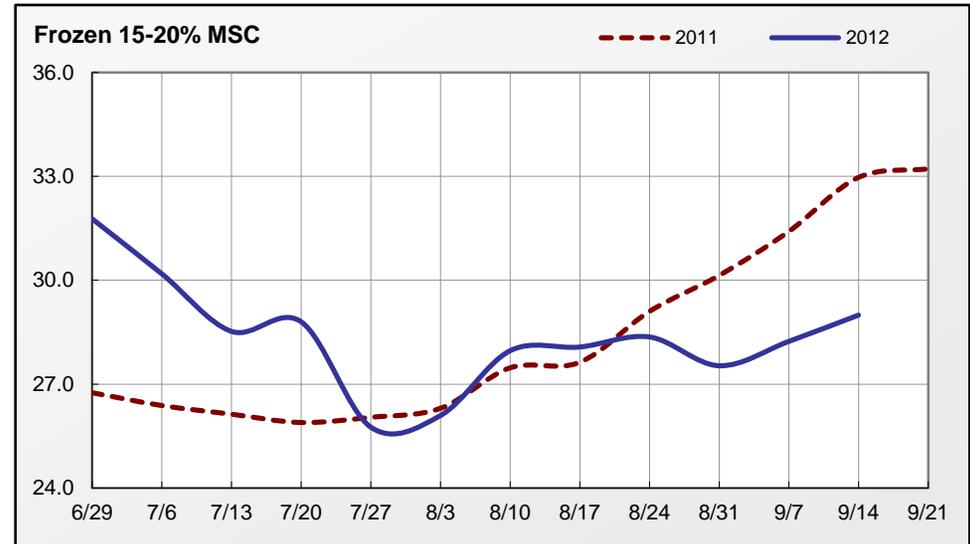
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices are trending mostly steady on all fat contents of MSC. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. Demand into export and domestic channels is light to moderate with best interest and movement into Mexico and Asian and Central American countries. MSC has seen improvements in demand and movement in recent weeks with producers remaining out front on spot sales. Many in industry are closely watching production, demand, the spot marketplace, and the grain markets trying to garner some kind of future market direction. Contract negotiations for 2013 have begun for many with no progress to note. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to mostly heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 12 FOB.

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

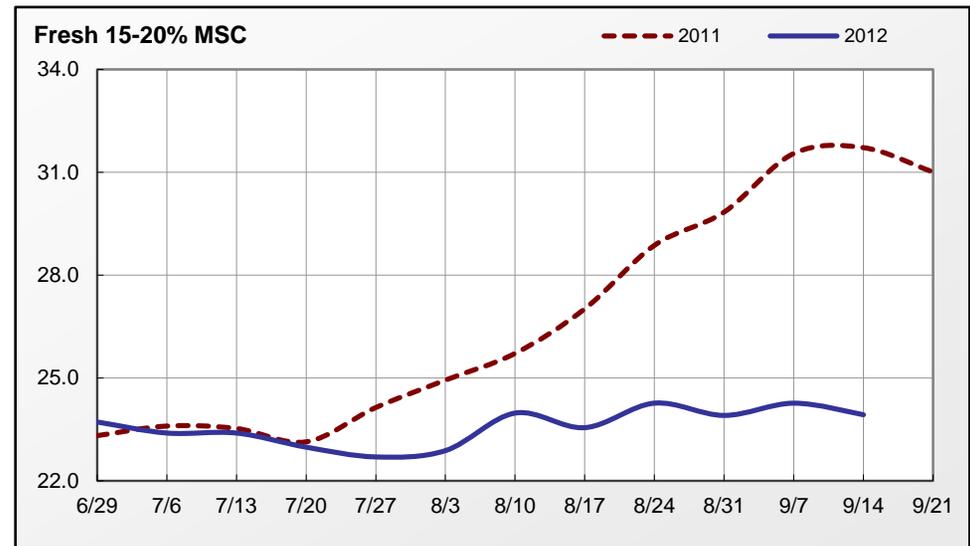
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	14-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year	14-Sep-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range		30.00	-	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	30.00-32.00
Wtd Avg Price		30.00	-	25.50	25.33	31.60
Volume Traded	-	40	-	163	122	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	26.00 - 30.00	30.00-36.00	18.00 - 26.50	23.00 - 27.00	27.00-35.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.99	28.23	32.97	23.93	24.27	31.72
Volume Traded	2,265	1,955	1,576	3,804	4,570	4,131
Volume Exported	2,145	1,755	1,576	694	694	1,265
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	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
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.65	25.76	27.24
Volume Traded	40	-	-	877	510	592
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm))

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