



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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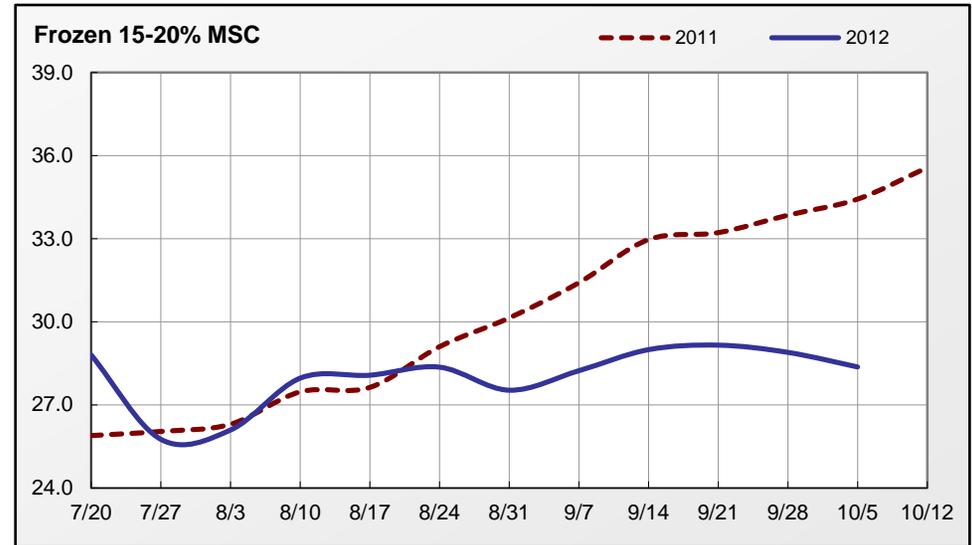
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices on all fat contents trended steady. Supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Schedules are seasonally normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Demand for stews, soups, potted meats, and other hurricane provisional items is moderate to good, although it has slowed into other finished goods such as hot dogs and deli items among others, which is typical. This week the spot marketplace has slowed both domestically and into export channels, and producers reacted by selling frames and staying out front on spot sales of MSC if able. Industry as a whole maintains a close eye on production, demand, the spot marketplace, and grain markets looking for future market direction. Contract negotiations for 2013 persist with some progress to note. Market activity is slow. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 FOB.

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

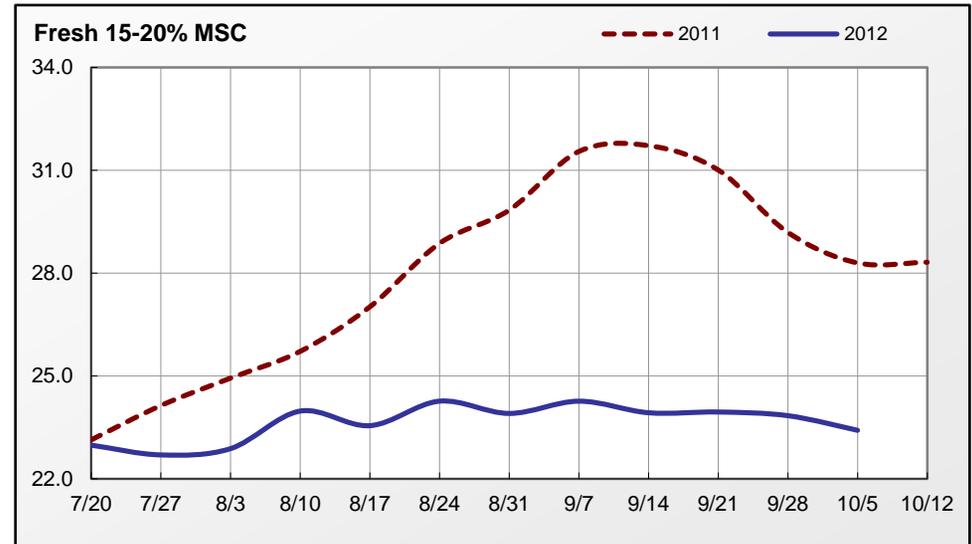
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	5-Oct-12	Last Week	Last Year	5-Oct-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	24.00 - 25.00	24.00 - 26.00	32.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	24.57	25.56	32.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	184	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	26.00 - 31.00	32.00-38.00	18.00 - 26.00	19.00 - 26.00	24.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.37	28.90	34.43	23.42	23.84	28.30
Volume Traded	1,965	2,250	2,065	4,610	4,672	3,600
Volume Exported	1,325	2,090	1,745	326	408	408
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Sep 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2011	Sep 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	30.00	-	25.50	25.65	32.06
Volume Traded	80	40	-	653	877	839
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.84	27.43	32.48	24.00	23.70	30.69
Volume Traded	8,600	11,085	8,432	17,085	21,571	17,023
Volume Exported	8,080	10,205	7,872	2,203	1,468	4,406
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.29	22.20	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	408	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.



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