



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

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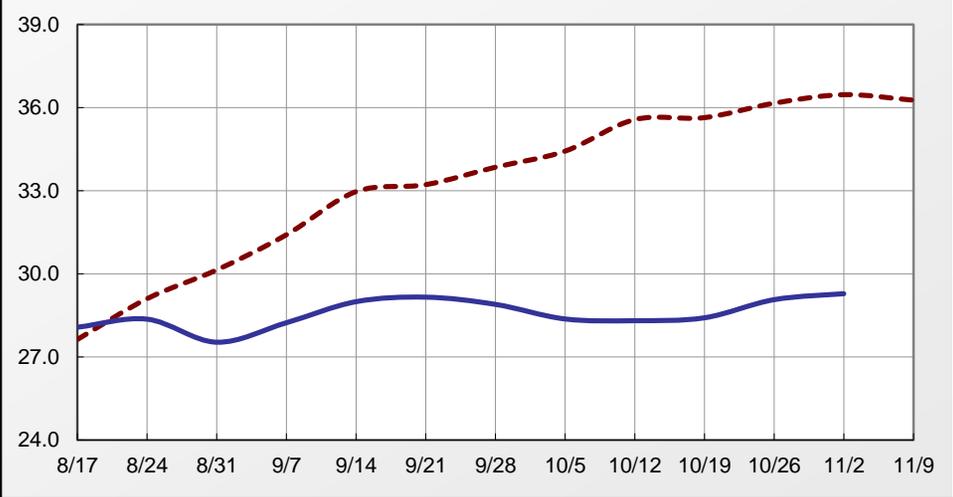
(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices on all fat contents of MSC are steady. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal to reduced due to Hurricane Sandy and some plant closures. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate. Many producers continue to stay out front on spot sales of MSC, as well as sell frames. With the hurricane and contract negotiations taking place industry maintains a close eye on the marketplace. Contract negotiations for 2013 persist with some volumes confirmed at similar to slightly lower prices than last year, as well as on a formula basis. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are light to moderate. Spot frames traded between 11-13 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	2-Nov-12	Last Week	Last Year	2-Nov-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-		-	24.00 - 26.00	24.00 - 26.00	32.00
Wtd Avg Price	-		-	25.20	25.50	32.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	163	61
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	28.00 - 31.00	27.00 - 32.00	34.00-39.00	20.00 - 27.00	20.00 - 26.00	22.50-32.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.28	29.07	36.47	24.52	23.65	27.33
Volume Traded	1,375	1,885	1,768	3,958	3,774	3,580
Volume Exported	1,375	1,645	1,328	490	449	857
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Frozen 15-20% MSC**

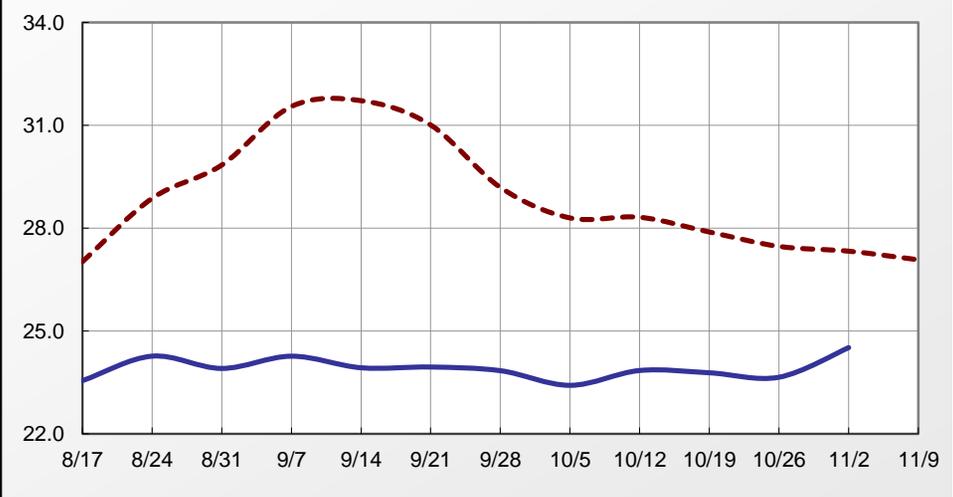


**Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Oct 2012	Sep 2012	Oct 2011	Oct 2012	Sep 2012	Oct 2011
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	31.00	30.00	-	25.16	25.50	30.86
Volume Traded	80	80	-	632	653	592
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	28.54	28.84	35.47	23.66	24.00	28.01
Volume Traded	7,585	8,600	8,651	15,891	17,085	14,870
Volume Exported	5,985	8,080	7,811	1,510	2,203	3,182
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.29	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	286	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

**Fresh 15-20% MSC**



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis ([www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm))

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