



Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.)

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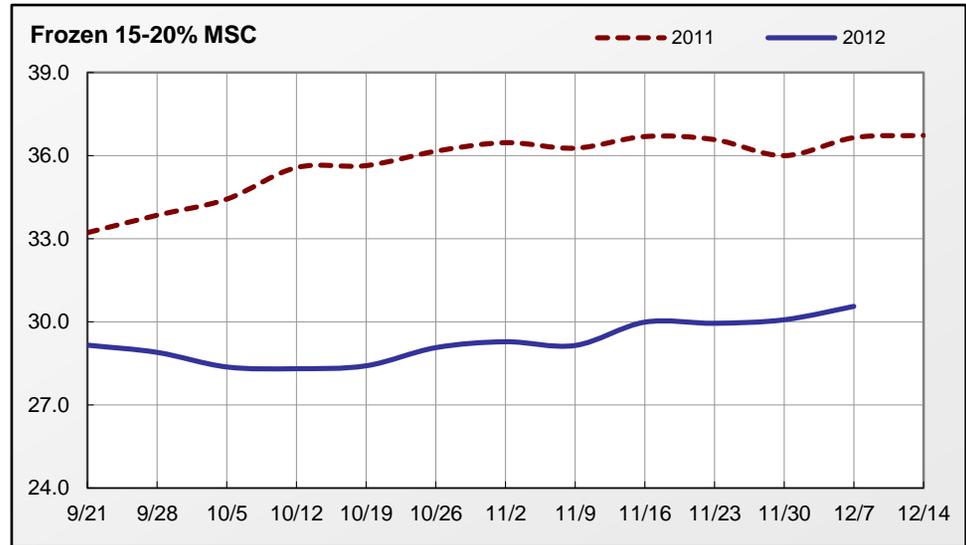
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady on all fat contents. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate with good interest on frozen MSC for export delivery. Contract negotiations continue for a few with a large percentage of contracts finalized for 2013. Prices have been finalized at prices similar to and lower than last year's levels in addition to formula based pricing. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate. Spot frames traded between 11-14 cents FOB, mostly 12-13 FOB.

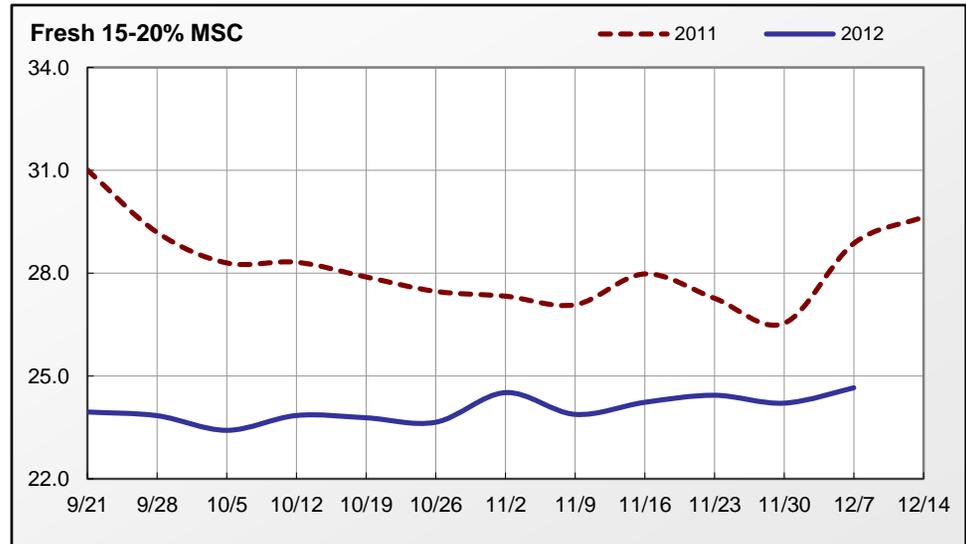
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	7-Dec-12	Last Week	Last Year	7-Dec-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	30.00	-	23.50 - 26.50	24.00 - 26.00	31.00-32.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	30.00	-	25.21	25.00	31.80
Volume Traded	-	40	-	143	82	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	29.00 - 32.00	27.00 - 33.00	33.00-41.00	22.00 - 28.00	20.00 - 28.00	25.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.56	30.07	36.65	24.66	24.21	28.87
Volume Traded	1,750	2,565	1,474	4,182	4,120	3,683
Volume Exported	1,510	2,325	1,314	775	530	1,225
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2011	Nov 2012	Oct 2012	Nov 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	31.00	-	25.04	25.16	31.74
Volume Traded	40	80	-	938	632	469
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	29.74	28.54	36.48	24.24	23.66	27.39
Volume Traded	8,995	7,585	6,588	20,460	15,891	13,433
Volume Exported	7,875	5,985	5,465	2,447	1,510	2,285
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.10	22.00	22.55
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	245	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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