



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

Fri. Dec 14, 2012

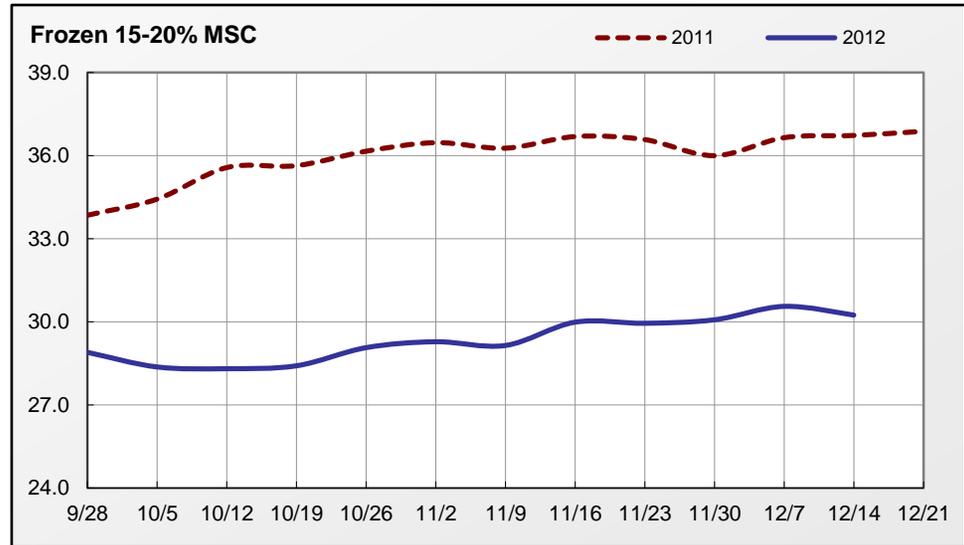
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices are trending steady on all fat contents of MSC. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate with best interest on frozen MSC for export delivery. Contracts for 2013 are mostly finalized, though a few continue negotiating. Prices have been confirmed at levels 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 to at times heavy. Spot frames traded between 11-13 cents FOB.

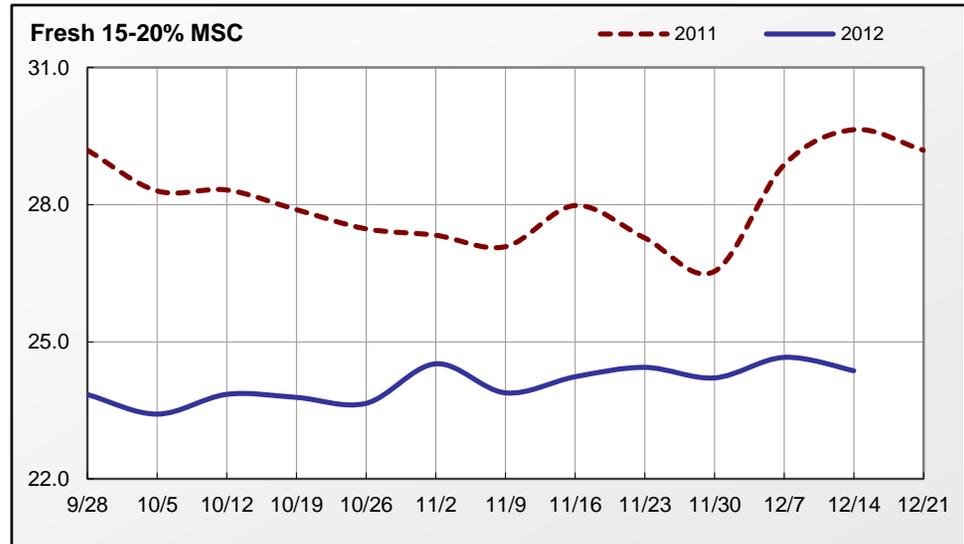
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	14-Dec-12	Last Week	Last Year	14-Dec-12	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	30.00	-	-	24.00 - 26.00	23.50 - 26.50	32.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	-	-	25.14	25.21	32.00
Volume Traded	40	-	-	143	143	61
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	28.00 - 32.00	29.00 - 32.00	34.00-40.00	22.00 - 28.00	22.00 - 28.00	26.00-33.50
Wtd Avg Price	30.24	30.56	36.73	24.37	24.66	29.64
Volume Traded	1,220	1,750	1,640	3,692	4,182	4,264
Volume Exported	1,100	1,510	1,280	612	775	1,469
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	20.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	20.00	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
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	30.00	31.00	-	25.04	25.16	31.74
Volume Traded	40	80	-	938	632	469
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
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
<b>20% or More</b>						
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](http://www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm))

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