



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

Fri. May 17, 2013

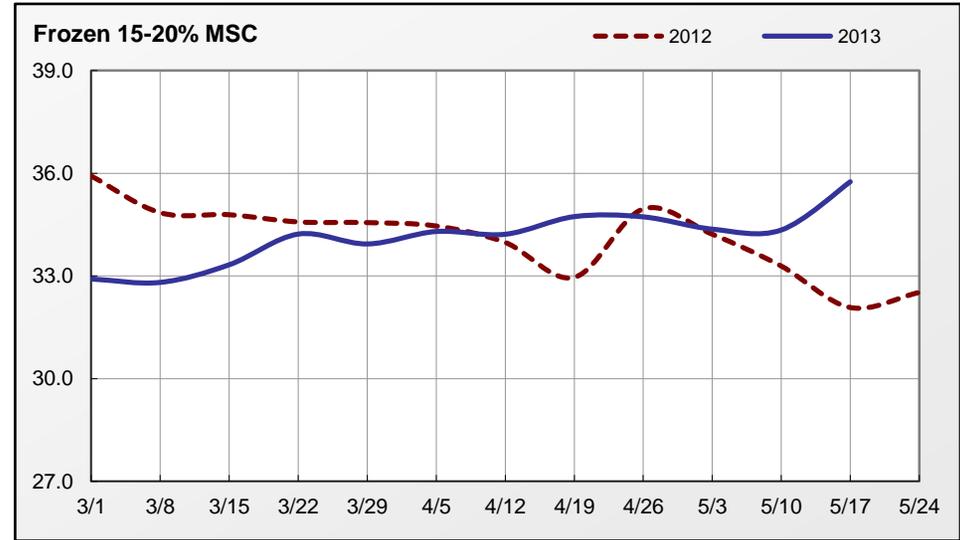
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

Prices are trending steady to firm on all fat contents of MSC. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. Demand is mostly moderate into both domestic and export channels; however this week there seems to be more export interest. Industry continues to be cautious and watching the marketplace closely for any new developments or changes that might offer any indication in market direction. Otherwise many are making the usual last minute preparations for the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light to moderate. Frames are steady, trading between 14-17.5 cents FOB, mostly 15-16 cents FOB.

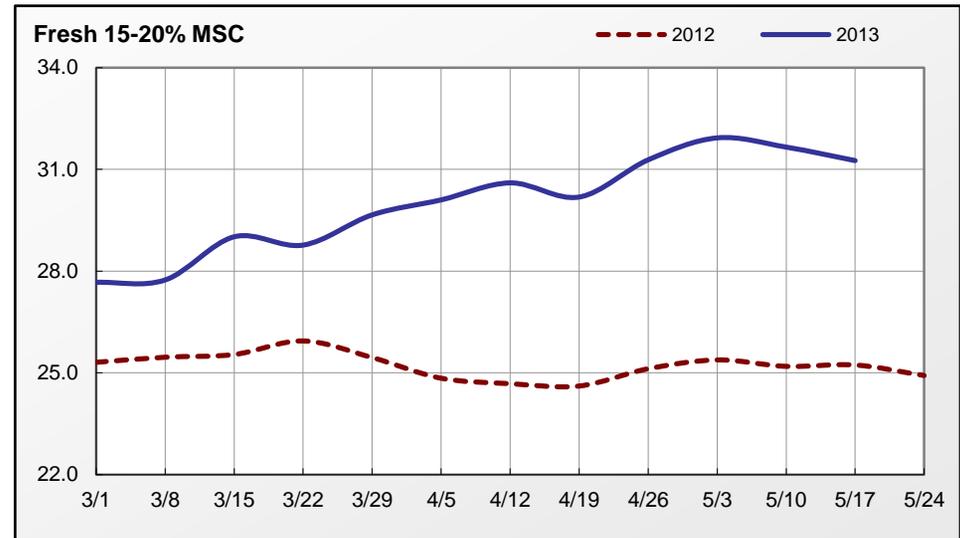
**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	17-May-13	Last Week	Last Year	17-May-13	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range		33.00	28.00-30.00	32.00 - 33.00	32.00 - 33.00	27.00
Wtd Avg Price		33.00	28.60	32.67	32.67	27.00
Volume Traded	-	40	200	122	184	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	34.00 - 38.00	32.00 - 38.00	28.00-36.00	28.00 - 36.00	28.00 - 36.00	22.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	35.75	34.34	32.08	31.26	31.66	25.23
Volume Traded	1,260	4,231	2,595	3,713	3,264	3,716
Volume Exported	1,260	4,151	2,155	612	490	408
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Apr 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2012	Apr 2013	Mar 2013	Apr 2012
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	32.00	31.00	-	30.29	29.16	25.39
Volume Traded	40	80	-	775	561	367
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	34.54	33.40	33.93	30.55	28.52	24.83
Volume Traded	8,831	6,348	6,532	20,114	17,485	14,195
Volume Exported	8,191	5,700	5,292	1,428	1,958	1,997
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.14	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	367	245
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News ([www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage](http://www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage))

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