

Scottish Egg Producer Retailers Association

MARKET REPORT

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	Size	V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
Farm to Shop	Prices	£1.59	£1.35	£1.25	90p
Scottish Wholesaler	Prices	£1.58	£1.18	£1.08	
English Wholesaler	Prices	£1.55 (+1p)	£1.13 (+4p)	£1.00 (+1p)	_____
	F /R	£1.64	£1.46 (+6p)	£1.24	
Packer / Producer Contracted average Price					
		Organic	FreeRange	Barn	Colony
		£1.30 / £1.50	95p / £1.15	85p / £1.05	80p / £1.00
Producer / Consumer		V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
- Colony	Prices	£2.10	£1.95	£1.50	£1.00
- Free Range	Prices	£3.10	£2.45	£2.03	£1.15
Free-Range to Farm Shop	Prices	£1.85 / £2.35	£1.41 / £2.01	£1.25 / £1.55	£1.05
Central Egg Agency	Colony	£1.55	£1.15	£1.05	77p
	F/R	£1.65	£1.50	£1.30	95p
Imported Continental Prices in Bulk					
Dutch Eggs	Barn	£1.23 (-2p)	£1.02 (-2p)	94p (-2p)	76p
French / Spanish		£1.45	£1.07	96p	

Was expecting further increases for next week, but there is a lot of sitting on the fence going on, EX Large appear to be very short in supply, almost unprocurable, and the demand for Large has increased, there does seem to be Mediums about, we are getting the impression that consumers have moved up to the larger sizes of eggs, because of the time of year and the colder weather, with slightly less demand for the bargain minimum weight packs which are predominantly small and medium.

On the continent Spanish and French prices have increased, with Germany the main market, we have included their prices this week for that reason, Dutch prices have weakened slightly, we cant think why, But as Dutch packers producers are some of the most organised wheeler dealers in the world, possibly they have got wind of the press announcement from the Ukraine, further down this report, and realise the implications?????????

The observant would have noticed that we moved our producer price guide up +5p at the bottom and +10p at the top, the interesting thing is that the smallest price increase was from our biggest marketing organisation with the largest increases from the smallest packer producers, possibly as they are supplying more local markets, with local image, and realise the importance of keeping their producers in business, as they realise the problems relating to the spiralling feed costs, and they can increase prices without the

prolonged negotiating required by the big supermarket, in general Scotland is showing the biggest increases in producer prices.

DENNIS, is getting a bit fed up, and now is needing stirred up a bit, since being moved to Stirling, Muriel is now unable to visit him in the afternoons, if anybody has the time or is passing, visiting time is Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 3.00 to 4.00pm.

On the 19th of October we reported under the heading.

Salmonella found in liquid egg product, and details of the FSA's recall on a product supplied by Myprotein, (Free Range Liquid Egg White) who confirmed 7 cases of salmonella enteritidis PT1 and many other non confirmed cases amongst the body builders for whom the product was produced and targeted, it was also supplied through the internet, this set our alarm bells ringing.

Having experience of working with body builders they use high levels of albumin and dispose of the yolks, when using fresh eggs, the albumin is usually consumed raw, as they think the cooking process destroys some of the protein.

We thought this product to be highly unlikely, or even impossible to be from UK production, there was also a possibility that this product was specifically targeted at body builders, it might not have been pasteurised?

We have been in constant contact with the FSA who have been keeping us up to date with their investigations this is their latest reply.

Reply to SEPRA

There has not been any significant development

The product was manufactured in France and it was distributed via Internet sales.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) issued a Recall Information Notice to made the local authorities and the public aware of the problem.

The Health Protection Agency (HPA) and the FSA are working together in this case. HPA continues monitoring any cases related to this investigation and they will make the FSA aware of any new cases.

Kind regards

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The big can of worms that this problem exposes is that the Internet is a brilliant source of information, and as a communication media, as an example your SEPR report, but there is a darker side to it. It is that any product can be ordered and sourced from any country in the world, provided that the product is legal in that country, this leaves the door wide open to abuse, not just eggs in product form, but drugs, antibiotics, and even growth promoters, which are highly illegal in this country and in the rest of the EU.

The UK poultry industry has spent multi millions, possibly billions of pounds trying to suppress and eradicate Salmonella's link to the poultry industry, which has been highly successful with recorded cases now the lowest in the world, linked to population.

Recorded cases of salmonella linked to eggs have been steadily falling over the years, this Myprotein product and the effects of it, might push the 2012 figures above the 2011 figures which again might trigger some newspaper hack to harangue our customers with headlines that eggs are unsafe.

We have to get the message across to our customers and especially to the retail organisations that UK production is the safe one, and it is products and eggs from other countries that have the risk factor !!!!

PRESS RELEASE

THE FLOODGATES ARE ABOUT TO BE OPENED!!!!!!!!!!!!

THIS NEXT ANOUNCMENT WILL RAISE THE HAIRS ON THE BACK OF THE NECK WITH EVERYBODY WITH ANY CONECTION WITH THE POULTRY INDUSTRY. WHAT IS THE EU THINKING ABOUT, WE ARE STILL STRUGGLING WITH THE 2012 REGULATIONS, AND THE INVESTMENT REQUIRED, WHEN AS AN INDUSTRY WE ARE HANGING BY THE NECK, WITH THE BANKERS SECURING THE ROPE, THE EU BUEROCRATS ARE EFFECTIVLY KICKING THE STOOL OUT?

Ukraine receives permission for EU poultry exports

The European Commission has formally allowed imports of Ukrainian poultry, eggs and other products to the European Union; opening a new market of 500 million people for Ukraine's top agricultural holdings.

David Stulik, an EU spokesman in Ukraine stated that the EU had agreed to start export of poultry products, concluding a process that started several years ago. The EU started inspecting Ukrainian poultry producers in 2009 and the former Soviet republic started negotiations on a free trade agreement with the EU in 2008.

Anastasiya Sobotyuk, head of investor relations at Mironovskiy Hleboproduct (MHPC), a Ukrainian poultry producer and agriculture company reacted positively to the news. "As soon as Ukraine will be ready, we will be able to start shipping fast. We can start exporting poultry to the EU starting from the summer."

It's not clear, however, when all the formal procedures within the EU will be concluded and Ukraine's companies will be able to start exporting to Europe. Several amendments still need to be made to EU health regulations, and then the new legislation will have to be translated into official EU languages.

In its own press statement, Ukraine's Agricultural Ministry estimated that the bureaucratic procedures within the EU will take two or three months to complete after the vote was taken. Agricultural Minister Mykola Prysyzhnyuk said that, in the meantime, all potential suppliers will be audited by health services.

by World Poultry *Dec 7, 2012*

It was with sadness we heard the news that an old friend in Northern Ireland, Charles Crawford of Erne Eggs had slaughtered his entire flock of 375,000 colony hens, all three production units, even though only one was effected, following an out break of salmonella Gallinarum, a rare disease more commonly found in third world countries, the middle east and particularly Eastern Europe, and can be devastating in poultry, it was the sudden increase in mortality that triggered investigations, Charles Crawford insists on extremely high levels of bio security and hygiene and it is a credit to him to decide to slaughter and sterilise the entire site to try and eliminate the risk of cross infection.

Salmonella Gallinarum is a blood born disease most likely transmitted through mite, but is not a threat to humans, has this exposed a new threat to our industry, that of employing eastern European labour?

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