

# Scottish Egg Producer Retailers Association

## MARKET REPORT

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	Size	V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Farm to Shop</b>	Prices	£1.49	£1.25	£1.15	80p
<b>Scottish Wholesaler</b>	Prices	£1.30	90p	80p	
<b>English Wholesaler</b>	Colony	£1.25	£1.05	90p	69p
	F/R	£1.55	£1.45	£1.35	79p
	Colony	£1.40	£1.15	95p	65p
	F/R	£1.55	£1.55	£1.45	75p
<b>Packer / Producer Contracted average Price</b>					
		<b>Organic</b>	<b>FreeRange</b>	<b>Barn</b>	<b>Colony</b>
		£1.30/£1.45	85p/£1.05	75p/95p	65p/85p
<b>Producer / Consumer</b>		V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
<b>- Colony</b>	Prices	£2.00	£1.85	£1.40	90p
<b>- Free Range</b>	Prices	£3.00	£2.35	£1.93	£1.05
<b>Free-Range to Farm Shop</b>	Prices	£1.75/£2.25	£1.31/£1.91	£1.15/£1.45	95p
<b>Central Egg Agency</b>	Colony	98p	87p	77p	52p
	F/R	£1.50	£1.40	£1.25	87p
<b>Imported Continental Prices in Bulk</b>					
<b>Dutch Eggs</b>	Barn	89p(-1p)	78p(-1p)	65p(-2p)	

The market is a bit all over the place, some saying it is quiet, some ticking over, some quite busy, it all depends where you are in the country and who your customers are.

We heard of French Large at 66p last week, Large 63p Medium 56p for next week.

Our schools go on holiday for midterm now, England in 2 weeks' time, with there being slightly more confidence in the economy will there be more families heading for the sunshine this year rather than the staycation of the last 2 years.

Rebranding, Is the RSPCA in a bit of trouble with their Freedom Foods? Their chief executive has stated that the brand image is the least recognised in the UK and are now rebranding as RSPCA Freedom Foods. But at the same time they are knocking the industry that supports them by stating that the hens in this country have only the space of an A4 sheet of paper to live in, this is illegal and past history.

But they are also suggesting that human beings should try and stand on an A4 sheet for 20 minutes to see what a hen feels like, how ludicrous and smacks of desperation, do they not realise that we have the highest welfare standards in the world.

BOCM Pauls is also rebranding as ForFarmers

EU

The EU commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, (the one David Cameron was so against) and was thought as a result would be anti-British, has announced the appointment of a Brit as financial director of the EU.

But it gets better he has appointed Phil Hogan as the new EU agricultural commissioner, he is an Irishman from Kilkenny and is breaking EU tradition and putting somebody in charge of 40% of the EU budget that looks like he will know something about agriculture!!!!

EU

We have included the piece from Jake Davies (Poultry World) as one line in particular is ringing alarm bells, in its haste to try and incorporate the Ukraine into the EU in the plans for the greater EU eggs for processing and products; have to be allowed into the EU from this month, the line that says it all is.

. The Ukraine is also under no obligation to keep hens in enriched cages to access the European market.

We were also looking at the approved suppliers of egg products to the EU and noted that China has twice as many as India, but Turkey which is in the process of joining the EU has the biggest list of approved suppliers, again will they have to implement EU regulations or not and they only have a bridge to cross.

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## Ukrainian processed eggs to enter the EU market

The largest egg producer on the Eurasian continent has won access to export processed egg products to Europe for the first time.



Ukrainian firm Avangardco said its new Imperovo Foods egg-processing plant was expected to begin exports in October.

Avangardco owns a laying flock of almost 23 million hens kept on 19 farms affording it significant economies of scale. It is also under no obligation to keep hens in enriched cages to access the European market.

Chief executive officer of Avangardco Iryna Marchenko said: "The EU licence to export egg products provides Avangardco with the opportunity to enter new European export markets, in line with our strategy to expand sales into global markets."

An analysis completed for Euwep, a body that represents egg producers in Europe, has previously suggested Ukrainian egg businesses could compete on cost for egg products even with current tariffs in place.

Initially, the companies will operate within quotas, set at 3,000t of processed egg. A free-trade agreement between Ukraine has stalled but is set to be implemented from 1 January 2016.

A second egg producer, Ovostar Union, also became certified to export egg products earlier this year.

Jake Davies Oct 7

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## Study identifies virulence factors for Salmonella

The ability of molecular assays to identify pathogenic strains of Salmonella, with an emphasis on *S. Enteritidis*, *S. Typhimurium* and *S. Heidelberg*, has been demonstrated in a project funded by the US Poultry and Egg Association, conducted at the USDA-ARS Egg Safety and Quality Research Unit.

In addition *S. Infantis* and *S. Kentucky* are regarded as potentially pathogenic food-borne Salmonella.

The study demonstrated that single nucleotide polymorphism (SNIP) assays could identify the *cyaA* gene common to the major serotypes associated with food borne infections. Applying SNIP assay, a second gene *ushA* was identified in the major pathogenic serotypes.

The assays which were developed by the team could characterise between 90 and 100% of Salmonella isolates from environmental samples from poultry production or processing locations as being potentially pathogenic.

This study has application in epidemiologic investigations and to develop programs to limit Salmonella significant to food-borne infection.

Source: [www.Egg-Cite.com](http://www.Egg-Cite.com)

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# Alliance fights loophole in European antibiotic use

European Commission proposals published last month, for updating regulations on farm antibiotic use ignore advice from the Lancet Infectious Diseases Commission to phase out routine preventative use, according to the Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics.

The Alliance, composed of the Soil Association, Sustain and Compassion in World Farming, campaigns for a phase out or ban of the routine preventative use of antibiotics, when no disease has been diagnosed, in farm animals.

Alison Craig, campaign manager for the Alliance to Save Our Antibiotics, said "The European Commission and the British government have both stated they don't support the routine preventative use of antibiotics on farms, but both still back legislation which makes it legal.

"Antibiotic growth promoters are nominally banned in the EU. But the truth is that many of the same antibiotics can still be given to the same animals when no disease has been diagnosed. This is why, as the House of Commons Science and Technology recently said in their report on antibiotic resistance, the total veterinary use of tetracycline antibiotics has increased nearly tenfold and that of penicillin-type antibiotics has increased nearly fivefold since they were banned as growth promoters."

"Governments and MEPs who are serious about avoiding the 'apocalyptic scenario' that the chief medical officer has been describing, whereby people in the future may die from routine infections because of antibiotic resistance, must ensure that a ban on all routine use of antibiotics in farming is added to the Commission's proposals".

The Commission itself warns in its proposals that "the use of antimicrobials in veterinary medicinal products may accelerate the emergence and spread of resistant micro-organisms and may compromise the effective use of the already limited number of existing antimicrobials to treat human infections. Therefore the misuse of antimicrobials should not be allowed."

Earlier this year, in a working document setting out guidance on farm antibiotic use, the Commission also said that "Routine prophylaxis [treating groups of animals not affected by disease] must be avoided. Prophylaxis should only be reserved for exceptional case-specific indications". This was in line with a recommendation from a Lancet Infectious Diseases Commission report published last year which said that "routine prevention with antimicrobials also used for treatment should be phased out".

But despite the scientists' advice and its own statements on the need to restrict antibiotic use, the Commission has decided to allow veterinarians to continue prescribing routine preventative doses of antibiotics to groups of intensively farmed animals, even when no disease has been diagnosed in any of these animals. The Commission proposes to ban using medicated feed for preventative purposes, but wants to allow the routine preventative use of antibiotics in animals' drinking water to remain legal.

In the UK, over 85% of antibiotics used on farms are used for treating groups of animals, mainly pigs and poultry. Many antibiotic products can be added legally to the feed or water of groups of healthy animals. The government has so far refused to take any action against routine preventative use, even though it says that it does "not support the routine, prophylactic use of antibiotics in animal health".

In addition, the government's 5-year strategy for dealing with antibiotic resistance contains no commitment to reducing farm antibiotic use, but has targets for reducing human antibiotic use.

Source: [The Soil Association](#)

(Do they not realise that there has to be a serious problem plus the signature of 2 vets for antibiotics to be given to laying hens in this country)

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# BOCM PAULS to rebrand as ForFarmers

BOCM PAULS, feed supplier in the United Kingdom, is to rebrand as ForFarmers, the Netherlands-based feed supplier. The UK company has been a wholly-owned subsidiary of ForFarmers since 2012.



Yoram Knoop, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the ForFarmers Group Board of Directors, states: "What we are announcing today forms part of our 'One ForFarmers' strategy. ForFarmers will become the name for our entire organisation, but it is more than just a change of brand name. It concerns all aspects of the organisation and has one objective: to optimise the potential of all the ForFarmers businesses and create one international, strong company and brand."

Iain Gardner, Chief Operating Officer of ForFarmers and Chief Executive of the UK business added: "Whilst some may regard the rebranding of BOCM PAULS as the end of an era, in reality it simply represents the next step in the history of a company which has evolved continuously for more than 100 years in response to changing market conditions and customer requirements. The consolidation which we have seen in the food and farming sectors over the years is accelerating rapidly, so we must be positioned correctly to meet the challenges which this presents, take advantages of opportunities and meet the needs of our customers. ForFarmers' history is firmly rooted in the agricultural sector and as part of a strong international business we are in the best possible position going forward. This is just the start of a very exciting process, one which will ensure that we remain at the forefront of the animal feed sector for many more years to come."

Emmy Koeleman Oct 9, 2014

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Why do hens lay eggs?

Because if they dropped them they would break!

And you will be pleased to know that we are nearly coming to the end of our jokes only a few weeks to go so anybody got any suggestions for how we can end the report apart from falling off the page.



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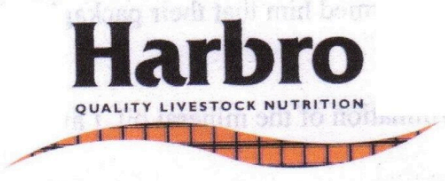
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Apologies for the delay last week, Paul is on walkabouts in Australia, it's a big country.



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