

Scottish Egg Producer Retailers Association

MARKET REPORT

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	Size	V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
Farm to Shop	Prices	£1.49	£1.25	£1.15	80p
Scottish Wholesaler	Prices	£1.30	95p	85p	
English Wholesaler	Colony F/R	£1.20	96p	86p	65p
		£1.60	£1.50	£1.20	90p
		£1.35	£1.15	£1.10	85p
		£1.75	£1.70	£1.50	90p
Packer / Producer Contracted average Price					
		Organic	FreeRange	Barn	Colony
		£1.20/£1.45	85p/£1.05	75p/95p	65p/85p
Producer / Consumer		V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
- Colony	Prices	£2.00	£1.85	£1.40	90p
- Free Range	Prices	£3.00	£2.35	£1.93	£1.05
Free-Range to Farm Shop	Prices	£1.75/£2.25	£1.31/£1.91	£1.15/£1.45	95p
Central Egg Agency	Colony F/R	£1.10	95p	85p	70p
		£1.55	£1.50	£1.35	£1.05
Imported Continental Prices in Bulk					
Dutch Eggs	Barn	95p	85p	79p	70p

The market is more than a bit frantic, although there is a no change situation it is because there isn't much in the way of eggs to change hands, there are some Polish eggs available in Scotland whether they are, or have slipped over the Border from Ukraine is debatable, Lion Code are simply not available.

The impression is some of the big players are playing games, its hide and seek just now, if you have eggs you are hiding the fact and trying to get a bit more market share, if you are short of eggs they seek them here they seek them there and on that point we have heard of some pretty crazy prices being offered to big Free Range producers in England (£1.15 to £1.20 flat rate per dozen).

Let's hope this doesn't turn into blind man's bluff, the big supermarkets have been hacking down retail prices in competition with one another in their attempt to maintain their market share, this has increased egg sales fairly dramatically, hence the shortage of eggs, but they have taken the bulk of the hit in price.

But it looks like there is going to be a fairly big increase in Free Range egg production mostly from new production particularly in England starting May ish, the big supermarkets have their own market

intelligence and are very aware that supplies are tight, but if they get a hint of increased production will they be saying, we have taken the hit for 6 months, it's your turn get the prices down and we will be back to a completely unsustainable situation, ----- (blind man's bluff).

Avian Influenza, that is a new outbreak confirmed today in Holland, with spring coming in, our wetland birds are thinking of heading North for the summer which will be a relief as science tells us that they and man are the biggest risk for AI, but as spring comes in we will be having the new migratory birds from warmer climes, plus tourists, so Bio Security is still very very important.

We have put the piece in from India as in this ever shrinking world we have witnessed dried egg in a bakery in Scotland from India, there is no dried egg manufacturing in Britain and it is only the import tariffs that are protecting the EU product industry, our representative organisations are fighting for special protective status of the EU egg industry because of the higher production costs linked to our higher welfare standards, if this fails the EU will be awash with product from other continents.

This is highlighted in the piece from Russia, in the Russian Spanish deal for turkey production showing that production will follow the cheap grain, labour and lack of regulations.

Quality and local image are going to be ever more important.

New case of mild AI in Holland

A new case of AI has been discovered on a poultry firm in Barneveld, a major centre for the eggs and poultry in the Netherlands. The 30,000 hens on the farm, which were held outside, will be culled as soon as possible, the department of economic affairs has said.

The Central Veterinary Institute of Wageningen University has confirmed the strain involved is the low pathogen H7N7.

Restrictions put on poultry zone

Around the farm, a one kilometre restriction zone has been established. Because of the high density of the poultry industry in this part of the country, there are 17 other poultry farms within this zone. They are not allowed to transport any animals, eggs or manure while their chicken have to be kept inside and visitors are not allowed on the premises. These measures will be in place for at least three weeks, the ministry said. The authorities also check all the farms within the zone on the presence of the AI virus.

The Netherlands had four other cases of AI this past winter, all in various parts of the country. In those cases, the strain involved was low pathogene H5N8. Other cases of AI were confirmed in Germany and Great-Britain.

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Mysterious disease kills poultry in India

A mysterious disease is killing poultry by the thousands in the district of Baramulla (India). A large number of poultry died on a single poultry farm in the Amargarh area past Sunday. Local authorities suspect Ranikhet Disease (RKD) to be the cause of death, but do not rule out the possibility of other diseases being responsible.



The Greater Kashmir reports that a team of officials has been dispatched to Amargarh Sopore to ascertain the cause of death. "Symptoms suggest that the disease may be Ranikhet," Dr Muhammad Shafi, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Baramulla, said.

Panic among poultry producers

Reports of sudden deaths among poultry are coming from different parts of the district. "I lost 214 birds in a single day on Saturday. I don't know the cause of death, there is panic among local poultry producers," Wajid Ahmad of Pattan Baramull said.

The poultry business in the district has grown phenomenally in recent years: according to official data, around 30,000 people in the district are working in the poultry industry. There are around 510 poultry farms registered with the department while around 150 unregistered farms are also operating in the district.

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€40 million investment in Tambov Turkey project

The first consignment of custom-built equipment for the hatchery, feed mill and slaughtering facility worth more than €40 million was delivered to the construction site of the Tambov Turkey project by Cherkizovo Group.

The first consignment of equipment included air-conditioning systems, machine tools, setters and other facilities for the poultry industry from Spain, Italy, Denmark and Belgium. Installation of the equipment is expected to begin next month under the supervision of authorized representatives of the foreign suppliers.

Largest grain silos in Russia

Each unit of equipment for the facilities is unique. For example, the grain silos for the feed mill will be the largest ever delivered to Russia: they are 32 meters in diameter and 27.5 meters high. Each silo will have a capacity of up to 17,500 m³ of grain. Due to the customised component layout, the structures were transported in open-top containers.

Cherkizovo's specialists and involved engineering services solved complex logistics problems during delivery of the main units for the hatchery and feed mill. Oversize and heavy goods had to be transported through regions adjacent to Tambov and delivery was carried out on a unique transportation route involving marine vessels, rail and road vehicles.

Vertically integrated turkey meat production complex

Tambov Turkey LLC is a joint Russian-Spanish company and has international project status. In 2012, Cherkizovo Group, Grupo Fuertes and the Tambov Region authorities signed a three-party agreement on the construction of a vertically integrated turkey meat production complex in Pervomaisky District.

Completion of this project is expected before the end of 2015. Construction of a number of large facilities in Pervomaisky District is currently in the final stage. They include a hatchery with capacity of 5.9 million eggs per year, a feed mill with production capacity of 150,000 tonnes of feed per year and storage capacity of 120,000 tonnes of grain. Production capacity of Tambov Turkey will be more than 40,000 tonnes of turkey meat per year in slaughter weight. The arrival of the last consignment of equipment at the construction site is expected this summer.

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