

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	£1.20	80p	75p	
English Wholesaler	Colony F/R	£1.10	76p	70p	60p
		£1.40	£1.30	£1.20	70p
		£1.25	95p	80p	60p
		£1.40	£1.40	£1.30	70p
Packer / Producer Contracted average Price					
		Organic	FreeRange	Barn	Colony
		£1.25/£1.50	90p/£1.15	80p/£1.05	75p/£1.00
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	95p £1.40(+5p)	75p £1.25(+5p)	70p £1.15(+5p)	55p 80p
Imported Continental Prices in Bulk					
Dutch Eggs	Barn	93p	74p	64p	59p

Prices are sitting on the fence with most people waiting till post Easter for adjustments, demand is steady but defiantly not exciting, we did get slightly excited yesterday when it was announced on the radio that there was a shortage of eggs with some stores in Southern England sold out unfortunately it was the chocolate variety and not the real thing!

White eggs, there has been quite an increase in requests for them especially from our Polish and Eastern European community, who are having to import them direct from Poland for traditional decoration for Easter, Noble foods had a successful promotion of white eggs at Christmas with their Snow white eggs, we have been looking for a similar promotion by them with a paint your egg competition but nothing, maybe next year. But if our real eggs were priced as Cadbury's cream eggs (30p each) they would be £4.00 per dozen.

We include 3 article's this week the first 2 are interlinked the American food industry is congratulating the Obama administration for standing up to the Japanese and insisting on reductions on import tariffs put in place to try and protect Japanese agriculture, they say this will help with negotiations with China, there is

no mention of the on going negotiations with the EU where we are trying to get special protected status for our egg industry with import tariffs, the letter was signed by the USA Poultry and Egg Council.

The EU looks like opening the door to the Ukraine for chicken eggs and product starting in May which might possibly cause some problems until things settle down, we estimate their cost of production at 59p.

The last piece from the Guardian suggest that the EU are trying to cut down on regulations, the piece of legislation that would affect us directly would be the removal of vets from processing lines which would reduce costs which might eventually filter down to a better price for end of lay hens.

US poultry groups support stance on TPP negotiations

Five meat and poultry organisations have thanked President Barack Obama for the Administration's efforts in the on going Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations.



The letter, delivered late yesterday, stated:

The undersigned organisations, representing United States meat and poultry producers and processors, applaud the strong stance your Administration has taken in negotiations with Japan on access to that nation's market for US meat and poultry exports. We appreciate that, in the latest round of talks in Tokyo on a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement, your representatives did not capitulate to Japan's continuing attempts to maintain protectionist barriers to our products.

As you are well aware, the ramifications of giving in to Japan's desires to protect their agricultural products go well beyond our sector. A bad precedent with Japan could lead to future TPP-acceding nations such as China demanding massive exemptions from tariff elimination in industrial and high-tech products. This would be a damaging outcome for a wide swath of our nation's commerce, agricultural and otherwise.

Thank you again for your strong stance in the on going TPP effort. We look forward to a positive outcome in your negotiations that we can enthusiastically support in the Congressional ratification process that will follow.

The letter was signed by American Meat Institute, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Chicken Council, North American Meat Association, and the USA Poultry & Egg Export Council.

World Poultry

Ukrainian egg producers await opening of the EU market

Ukrainian egg producers are waiting for the opening of the market of the European Union (EU) in May of this year. At this time the European Commission will unilaterally withdraw a number of trade tariffs, including for livestock products.

Egg exports to Europe will allow the large Ukraine holdings to combat the oversupply on the domestic market that have recently resulted in a drop of prices for the commodity.

Avangard and Ovostar Union, two of the largest producers of eggs in Ukraine will undergo the certification process within two months, says the chairman of the board of directors of the association Union of Poultry Breeders of Ukraine, Alexander Bakumenko. This does not mean that agricultural holdings will immediately begin deliveries to the EU market, however, as buyers of Ukrainian eggs in Europe will also have to obtain a special license, the expert emphasises.

However, Ukrainian eggs will be quite competitive, thanks to drastically reduced prices. The cost of a dozen eggs in the country today is 9 hryvnia (US\$0.68).

"This season will be difficult for large manufacturers. With the growth of the cost of eggs in Ukraine today, we have the world's lowest selling prices, even less than in India. This has never happened before," commented the owner of Avangard, Oleg Bakhmatyuk.

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Legislation changes prompts disease fears in EU meat

Meat from animals infected with diseases could make it into the food chain and onto consumer plates following changes by the European Commission to modernise legislation, food inspectors warn.

Statistics show that between 2012 and 2014 more than two million occurrences of tapeworm were found in red meat and during these years, carcasses carrying tapeworms and animals infected with pneumonia, septicaemia, peritonitis and tumours were extracted by inspectors.

The European Commission has stated that changes to take place will amend regulations that list all the diseases to be removed from the human food chain and replace it with a more general conditions regarding safety, health and welfare.

More than 560,000 cases of milkspot, caused by parasitic roundworm larvae, were identified in pigs in the past two years. Nearly 3m chickens contaminated with faeces during slaughter were stopped from becoming food in the same period. Inspectors warn that such diseased and dirty meat may be more likely to enter the food chain if proposed changes to abattoir inspections go ahead.

As well as the 3m chickens recorded as being contaminated with chicken faeces, 5.5m cases of ascites – a build-up of fluid caused by heart or liver disease – were identified, along with 1.8m cases of peritonitis and 4m of septicaemia.

Faecally contaminated chicken is the leading cause of campylobacter, the most common form of human food poisoning in the UK. It can be killed by thorough cooking, but there are 460,000 reported cases, 22,000 hospitalisations and 110 deaths each year as a result of the illness.

The FSA pointed out that more than 1.7bn chickens were slaughtered over the two-year period and that carcasses rejected by inspectors represented a tiny fraction of the total throughput.

The European commission has argued that it needs to modernise legislation affecting the food chain and is in the process of reducing 70 pieces of detailed regulation down to a framework of five overarching regulations to "reduce the burden on business" and "improve consumer protection".

Currently, all chicken carcasses are checked after slaughter by official inspectors or vets in factories, but the European Food Safety Authority has recommended that this requirement be abolished as it is ineffective at identifying contamination.

Source: Guardian

Where do you find information about eggs?

In the [hen-cyclopaedia!](#)-----Or in the British Egg Information Service----Egg facts

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