

Scottish Egg Producer Retailers Association

MARKET REPORT

www.scottisheggs.co.uk

sepramail@gmail.com

Date: 1st August 2014

	Size	V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
Farm to Shop	Prices	£1.49	£1.25	£1.15	80p
Scottish Wholesaler	Prices	£1.20	85p	75p	
English Wholesaler	Colony	£1.30	88p	80p	60p
	F/R	£1.45	£1.33	£1.23	70p
	Colony	£1.25	£1.00	80p	65p
	F/R	£1.40	£1.40	£1.30	70p
Packer / Producer Contracted average Price					
	Organic	FreeRange	Barn	Colony	
	£1.20/£1.45	85p/£1.10	75p/1.00	70p/95p	
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	95p	80p	70p	52p
	F/R	£1.30	£1.15	£1.05	77p
Imported Continental Prices in Bulk					
Dutch Eggs	Barn	80p(-4p)	62p(-5p)	58p(-2p)	

Is the market being talked down, yes some people are finding demand a bit quiet, but that isn't unusual for this time of year, but some individuals are saying that there is a massive over production and that prices will be at least depressed for the next 6 months.

Is this a reason to reduce producer prices, or to try and persuade market competitors to cut back on production, only time will tell!! For although there are some surplus eggs about we wonder if it is any worse than previous years?

Although UK egg production is slightly up it is not yet up to full market requirements but there are certainly less imported eggs coming in to the English market and we have heard of non in Scotland.

We have included this week the piece on antibiotics in India in this day and age and all the problems with antibiotic resistance it was a complete surprise that a country like India has no control or monitoring of antibiotics in their poultry industry.

India is a major exporter of chicken and in particular dried egg powder which ends up in the bakery and manufacturing industry, also India prides it's self on education and science, so why has this been allowed to happen?-----as in the UK and EU there is now very severe restrictions on antibiotic use.

Study claims antibiotic-fed poultry is harming consumers

A study carried out in India states that large scale, indiscriminate use of antibiotics in the poultry industry has led to antibiotic resistance in Indians who are falling prey to many otherwise curable ailments.

The study by the Centre for Science and Environment's (CSE) Pollution Monitoring Lab, which tested 70 chicken samples from the Delhi-NCR region for six commonly used antibiotics - oxytetracycline, chlor-tetracycline, doxycycline, enrofloxacin, ciprofloxacin and neomycin - found their residues in the chicken samples.

"Many essential and important antibiotics for humans are being used by the poultry industry. In India, there is growing evidence that resistance to fluoroquinolones such as ciprofloxacin is rapidly increasing," claimed Sunita Narain, director general of CSE.

Treating fatal diseases like sepsis, pneumonia and tuberculosis (TB) with fluoroquinolones is becoming tough because microbes that cause these diseases are increasingly becoming resistant to fluoroquinolones," she said.

The study alleged large scale unregulated use of antibiotics by the poultry industry to promote faster growth of chickens.

"Antibiotics are no more restricted to humans nor limited to treating diseases. The poultry industry uses antibiotics as a growth promoter. Chickens are fed antibiotics so that they gain weight and grow faster," Narain claimed.

"Common infections are becoming more difficult to treat and antibiotics are becoming ineffective due to increased resistance," she added.

The study found that 40% samples tested positive and residues of more than one antibiotic were found in 17% of the samples.

CSE's deputy director general Chandra Bhushan said the findings were the tip of the iceberg. "Public health experts have long suspected that such rampant use of antibiotics in animals could be a reason for increasing antibiotic resistance in India. But the government has no data on the use of antibiotics in the country, let alone on the prevalence of antibiotic resistance," he said.

CSE called upon the government to implement a comprehensive set of regulations including banning use of antibiotics as growth promoters in the poultry industry.

India currently has no regulations to control antibiotic use in the poultry industry or to control sales of antibiotics to the industry.

And now for something completely different, have you been following the Commonwealth Games, absolutely fantastic and Glasgow has done us all proud and all that sunshine—unreal!

How does it affect our industry, firstly all the eggs used by the athletes and caterers, all Free Range or Organic had to have SCO on the shell as proof of product of Scotland.

Another piece of information is that Louise Butler of Hyline has a niece and that's Lauren Rowles, this young 16 year old lady woke up one morning completely paralysed but fought back to health then discovered wheelchair racing, she must have put the work in as she ended up representing England (and we will forgive her for that) in the 1500 m Para-sport wheelchair for women, where she not only made it to the final but finished in 9th position against a very strong field of more experienced competitors.

Congratulations to all who took part and made the games special.

Why did the hen lift weights?

She needed the EGG-ercise!



BOCM PAULS

the ***total*** feed business

A ForFarmers Company