

Scottish Egg Producer Retailers Association

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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	90p	80p	
English Wholesaler	Colony	£1.10	96p(+6p)	86p(+6p)	60p(+5p)
	F/R	£1.60	£1.40	£1.10	90p(+5p)
	Colony	£1.35(+5p)	£1.15(+5p)	£1.05(+5p)	85p(+5p)
	F/R	£1.75(+5p)	£1.70(+5p)	£1.45(+5p)	90p(+5p)
Packer / Producer Contracted average Price					
		Organic	FreeRange	Barn	Colony
		£1.30/£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	£1.00	85p	75p	60p
	F/R	£1.45	£1.35	£1.20	85p
Imported Continental Prices in Bulk					
Dutch Eggs	Barn	83p	74p	70p	58p

The market is moving up both price and demand wise and will probably firm up again next week, demand has increased due to payday and empty shelves in the fridge and eggs being adaptable and cheap.

Production is starting to be effected by the weather particularly Free Range; we suspected a state of emergency was going to be declared as some flakes of snow had fallen in Surrey!!!!!!

New Free Range and Organic flocks are often a bit hesitant at going out in the white stuff at first, then they seem to enjoy going out for a play and jumping to catch snowflakes.

We are now at the end of January and the daylight is noticeably lengthening, Free Range and Organic flocks pick this up very quickly and if it gets a bit warmer, will respond.

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Workshop on feather pecking in laying hens.

Victoria Sandilands must be congratulated on putting together a group of speakers that covered the entire spectrum of our industry.

This was a win win situation, those present learnt a lot from the presenters, but the presenters learnt a lot from the audience, there is not much new apart from new technology and improvements on welfare, there is nothing boring with looking after hens they are constantly coming up with new problems, there is always a lot to be un-learnt (bad practises) and a lot of old information to be re-learnt as old problems reoccur.

For those who did not manage to attend we have put a link that has all the transcripts from the speakers.

If you think this report is unusually brief this week, it is not, there is a great many pages in the transcripts which contains lot of very useful information which will take time to read and assimilate.

Although SRUC put this workshop together we think that there would be benefit to our industry if similar was replicated throughout the country, as there are a lot of new people and production coming in and the old stock men with knowledge are getting a bit short on the ground.

Link to workshop transcripts: <http://tinyurl.com/ke9ae2h>

If an egg floated down the Thames, where would it have come from?

A hen! -----(obviously a very old egg if it floated)



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