

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	Colony F/R				
English Wholesaler	Colony	£1.24(+4p)	94p(+4p)	86p(+6p)	64p(+4p)
	F/R	£1.60	£1.50	£1.30	80p
	Colony	£1.45(+10p)	£1.15(+10p)	£1.05(+10p)	80p(+5p)
	F/R	£1.50	£1.50	£1.30	85p
Packer / Producer Contracted average Price					
		Organic	FreeRange	Barn	Colony
		£1.30/£1.45	95p/£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	£2.85	£1.40	£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	£1.05(+10p)	90p(+10p)	80p(+10p)	60p(+5p)
	F/R	£1.40	£1.30	£1.15	95p
Imported Continental Prices in Bulk					
Dutch Eggs	Barn	94p(+9p)	82p(+10p)	74p(+8p)	64p(+5p)
	Colony		79p(+10p)	71p(+8p)	

The market is almost jumping up and down things are moving so fast, although there are sufficient supplies in the UK, Colony are pretty tight verging on scarce, but sufficient Free Range.

The World Wide AI problem is really biting and affecting our European prices our EU contact informs us that they estimate 100 million hens will be culled World Wide which is completely altering traditional sale patterns for eggs and product, now we have been informed that there are problems in Turkey.

Bio-Security is ever more important, as our Dutch friend said, there is no real problems with smallish family run farms where Bio-Security is easy and cheap, the problem is on the mega production sites with hundreds of staff and a large number of vehicles coming and going, good Bio-Security is a nightmare.

All the news is about Avian Influenza but we must not forget about Salmonella.

America is a classic example with their 5 million hen sites which when hit by disease dramatically affect their market, unfortunately the same trend is happening throughout the world with massive complex's run by accountants and owned by pension companies and city investors, but big is not necessary the best.

We in Scotland are starting to see tourists, mostly Continental and in motor caravans who unfortunately seem to do self-catering but being health conscious seem to buy locally produced food, if we get some summer before Autumn starts(which felt like the last few days)we might get more tourists but with the Pound/ Euro exchange rate being so good we must expect most of our locals to head to the sun.

The office (i.e. the Editor) is currently on route to the Isle of Man for the TT so the report is a lot shorter this week.

Canada investigates salmonellosis outbreak

The Public Health Agency of Canada is investigating 34 cases of salmonellosis diagnosed in the Provinces of Alberta (17 cases), British Columbia (13) and Saskatchewan (4). The infection has been traced back to a specific hatchery in Alberta, although no serotype has been reported.

This outbreak attributed to contact with baby chicks is reminiscent of the cases of salmonellosis attributed to inappropriately named, Mount Healthy Hatcheries in Ohio, extending over many years.

Small-scale hatcheries supplying chicks, ducklings and poult to the backyard poultry market represent a public health hazard unless appropriate hygiene and monitoring of parent stock and hatchery operations are implemented.

Purchasers of chicks and other poultry should exercise appropriate care to prevent infection of children who are susceptible to Salmonella serotypes and *Campylobacter spp.* frequently with severe sults. Generally after a month, development of normal intestinal flora in chicks inhibits shedding of *Salmonella spp.*

Source: *Egg-Cite.com*

By Simon Shane

Barter deal between Russia and Iran for poultry

Russia will supply poultry to Iran in exchange for grain, says Alexei Alexeenko of the Russian veterinary watchdog Rosselkhoznadzor. Alexeenko also said that Rosselkhoznadzor has already approved the export of Iranian poultry and dairy products from several enterprises to Russia.

Photo: Koos Groenewold

"We have agreed to put four dairy producing companies and two poultry meat producers from Iran on our list of approved exporters, however we still need to sign a protocol with additional guarantees," Alexeenko said.

Largest supplier of poultry to Russia

It is crucial that the barter deal between Russia and Iran does not conflict with the sanctions that were imposed by the UN. According to Iranian officials their country may become one of the largest suppliers of poultry to Russia. Iran could potentially export 10,000 tonnes of poultry per month to Russia, said the deputy minister of agriculture of Iran Hassan Rockne. "And this is not the limit, if necessary, this volume can be easily increased." However, most forecasts indicate that Russia will import no more than a total of 200,000 tonnes of poultry in 2015.

Russian experts previously stated that Iran can be an attractive supplier because of its competitive prices and low logistical costs, as the country is located much closer to the Russian borders than the current main suppliers in South America.

By [Vladislav Vorotnikov](#)

Why did the hen watch TV?

For hentertainment!

We are now running out of chicken jokes **again** so if you want them to continue please send us a link to them, (or not if you are fed up of them)

