

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	90p	80p	
English Wholesaler	Colony F/R	£1.10	96P	86P	60P
		£1.60	£1.40	£1.10	90P
		£1.35	£1.15	£1.05	85P
		£1.75	£1.70	£1.45	90P
Packer / Producer Contracted average Price					
		Organic	FreeRange	Barn	Colony
		£1.30/£1.50	95P/£1.15	85P/£1.05	80P/£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	£1.95	£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	£1.05(+5p) £1.50(+5p)	90p(+5p) £1.40(+5p)	80p(+5p) £1.25(+5p)	65p(+5p) 95p(+10P)
Imported Continental Prices in Bulk					
Dutch Eggs	Barn	85P(+2P)	75P(+1P)	70P	58P

The market appears to be hovering, demand has been much less than last week, shock effect of the credit card bills when consumers suddenly realise how much they spent at Christmas and that this month's money has just disappeared down the electronic plug hole.

Central Egg have at last caught up on last week's prices but note the difference between Colony and Free Range in small, all supplies are starting to get tight Free Range in particular and the shortage showing in Small will gradually move up the sizes, linked to the lack of pullets coming into lay.

Once things settle down prices should firm up?-----but there are quite a lot of people hurting price wise right now we note Large from Ireland at 72p and there are cheaper.

Continental prices are firming and they are looking at Britain as a lost cause with stupid low prices.

SRUC

Workshop on injurious feather pecking

We were privileged to be given pre report information on the beak trimming trials being carried out unfortunately there has been a bit of adverse publicity, we feel that Auchencruve and Bristol should be praised for having the courage to carry out the trials, we all know that there have been problems, the trials are still on going and should not be commented on until the final reports are published both organisations have put enormous effort into making them work knowing full well no matter what the results they will receive criticism from some section of the population.

And remember that it is the urban gorilla welfarists that are always the most vocal and IT lobbyists, demanding the cheapest food but only from hens skipping about in the fields on a sunny day.

We have included the piece on the great English breakfast from the Telegraph, Wales, Scotland and Ireland has obviously not been included, as we do it better!

Have they never heard of Venison sausages, and eggs that stand up on the plate like-----

Or our great chieftain o the pudding race, German tourists say that our breakfasts keep them going all day.

Avian Influenza is raising its head again in a broiler breeder unit with no outside access and no obvious connection to any other source, no one can be complacent and very strict and thorough Bio-Security is at present the only defence.

National Breakfast Week: Fry-up's rewarded in the Nation's Favourite Breakfast Awards
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Breakfast Week, a national campaign run on behalf of UK Arable farmers, has also been incredibly successful for the pork and poultry sector, with the Traditional English Breakfast being crowned the Nation's Favourite Breakfast.

For the second year in a row, Liverpool's 'The Tavern Company' has won the Best Breakfast Award. Their Full English has been named the People's Choice, scoring over 2000 public votes.

The award-winning Full English consists of two specialist sausages (made to the owner's own unique recipe), lean back bacon, fried egg, grilled tomato, black pudding, mushrooms and baked beans, with a stack of extra thick sliced toast, made with fresh locally baked bread. Owner, Keith Gurney said: "We're thrilled to have won the UK's best breakfast for a second time. We started serving breakfast, only on Sundays, 20 years ago to about 12 people and now we're serving over 2,000 breakfasts a week".

New London café, Bunnychow also nabbed an award for their unconventional take on a fry-up. Their "Full English Bunny" was awarded the "Most Innovative Breakfast" award by Breakfast Week organisers and guest judge, Phil Vickey.

Locally sourced, the "Full English Bunny" is a hollowed-out baked brioche loaf which is then filled with sausage, lean bacon, tomatoes, mushrooms, spicy beans, black pudding and topped with an egg.

Source - *The Telegraph*

LPAI confirmed on UK poultry farm

UK government body, Defra, has confirmed that low pathogenic avian influenza (LPAI) has been detected on a broiler breeder farm in Hampshire, England.

A 1km restriction zone has been put in place around the infected premises and the poultry on the farm will be culled. Animal and Plant Health Agency investigations are on-going into the source of the disease.

Tests have confirmed the outbreak as a low severity H7 strain of the disease, a much less severe form than the H5N8 strain found at a Yorkshire duck farm in November. There are no links between the two cases.

Andrew Large, chief executive of the British Poultry Council, said: "Swift action is being taken to control the outbreak and we are monitoring the situation closely. Avian influenza is a disease of birds and Public Health England has stated that the risk to public health is very low, whilst the Food Standards Agency state that there is no food safety risk for consumers".

Poultry farmers are meanwhile being urged to maintain high vigilance and biosecurity.

World Poultry

If a cockerel lays an egg on the middle of a slanting roof which way will it fall?

Neither side and it would be a miracle, cockerels don't lay eggs!

