

# Scottish Egg Producer Retailers Association

## MARKET REPORT

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	Size	V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Farm to Shop</b>	Prices	£1.49	£1.25	£1.15	80p
<b>Scottish Wholesaler</b>	Prices	£1.30	85p	75p	
<b>English Wholesaler</b>	Colony	£1.25	83p	73p	55p
	F/R	£1.50	£1.30	£1.10	60p
	Colony	£1.20	80p(+5p)	70p(+5p)	55p(+5p)
	F/R	£1.30	£1.30(+5p)	£1.10	
<b>Packer / Producer Contracted average Price</b>					
		<b>Organic</b>	<b>FreeRange</b>	<b>Barn</b>	<b>Colony</b>
		£1.30/£1.50	95p/£1.15	85p/£1.05	80p/£1.00
<b>Producer / Consumer</b>		V. Large	Large	Medium	Small
<b>- Colony</b>	Prices	£2.00	£1.85	£1.40	90p
<b>- Free Range</b>	Prices	£3.00	£2.35	£1.40	90p
<b>Free-Range to Farm Shop</b>	Prices	£1.75/£2.25	£1.31/£1.91	£1.15/£1.45	95p
<b>Central Egg Agency</b>	Colony	£1.15	88p(+3p)	78p(+3p)	58p(+3p)
	F/R	£1.53(+3p)	£1.38(+3p)	£1.22(+2p)	80p
<b>Imported Continental Prices in Bulk</b>					
<b>Dutch Eggs</b>	Barn	99p(+1p)	76p(+1p)	66p	

The market is starting to twitch and thank goodness the twitch is upwards, there are still plenty of eggs about but the slight price movements on the English market are in anticipation of a rise in demand with the clocks changing this weekend, the hens won't know the difference although they are well aware its Autumn, but that extra hour in bed on Sunday morning means the first collection will be a bit heavier.

When the clocks change it triggers a subconscious change in the eating habits in our consumers, in the summer months there is greater demand for the bargain packs or smaller sizes, as size isn't as important for boiling for salads, or breaking out for omelettes etc.

But when the clocks change and it is dark earlier, people tend to eat their evening meals earlier, activities move indoors and a lot more time is spent watching programmes on the haunted fish tank, but then think of supper and something light like scrambled egg or poached egg on toast comes to mind, there is also a slight increase in demand for larger eggs, especially for the bacon and eggs on a Sunday morning. We also have Halloween where in the past guisers went from house to house telling a story or singing a song to get a reward, now we have trick or treating imported from the USA where a lot of eggs are

involved, usually being thrown and in some areas sales of eggs to children are banned, but it does bump up egg sales, with a lot of small shops ending with cleared shelves.

We have included the piece from Russia, for as an industry we have been preoccupied/terrified of the threat of Avian Influenza and have been paying a lot of attention from the problems in China and the Far East and have not been paying attention to the problems on our back door, Russia, at least they have isolated the problem and are obviously working on a remedy, but this is a problem to be watched with all the migratory birds coming from or passing through Russia plus the movements in the human population, Bio-security is ever more important, but we hope that our poultry farms don't end up like Fort Apache in the Bronx, for the latest data on communicable diseases in the human population is showing up some fairly exotic bugs coming back into the country from the exotic holidays.

Note that the IPPE conference is majoring on Bio-Security as this world is shrinking all the time with people and product movements from country to country increasing.

## Scientists discover disease plaguing Russian poultry

**A previously unknown disease amongst poultry in Russia has been finally identified and received the tentative title as 'bacterial endocarditis of chickens'.**



The discovery was made by researchers of the Institute of Chemical Biology and Fundamental Medicine of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Experimental Veterinary Medicine of Siberia and the Far East (SB RAS).

The damage from the spread of this infection, that has harmed Russian poultry farming for the past two years, is estimated at RUB2 billion (US\$70mln) per year, a report said.

SB RAS reports that the scientists were able to decipher the genome of pathogenic bacteria that causes the disease, reproduce it in the laboratory and to start testing it.

Poultry that die from this disease suffer from damage to the heart; in particular it often has endocarditis, as well as pathology of lungs and bones.

Scientists believe that the disease agent, the mechanism of infection of which has not yet been clarified, is a parasite in the blood vessels, which leads to the damage of various organs. There is preliminary evidence that it may be passed from parent to offspring, which could cause widespread damage among poultry stock.

[Vladislav Vorotnikov](#)

# Biosecurity education program scheduled for 2014 IPPE

**Outbreaks of the H7N9 virus in China and the H7N3 virus in Mexico have heightened the awareness and need for effective biosecurity programs.**



Sponsored by US Poultry & Egg Association, the *Biosecurity – Revisiting the Basics and Implementing New Strategies* half-day program will revisit the well-established basics of successful biosecurity plans and explore new strategies for today's global challenges. The half-day program registration fee is \$100 for all International Production & Processing Expo attendees.

The program will feature industry specialists, a panel discussion and a Practical Biosecurity Workshop. Dr David Shapiro, Perdue, will discuss *Real-World Biosecurity Strategies to Minimize or Eliminate Animal Health and Food Safety Risks*. Carl Heeder, Zoetis, will present on *Biosecurity Implementation Management: A Real Life Perspective of the Challenges Even the Most Well Written, Comprehensive Programs Face*. The panel discussion will address biosecurity perspectives from different regions of the world, and the Workshop will look at various scenarios from different countries and develop a model taking into consideration different regions, cultures, etc.

The 2014 IPPE, [www.ippexpo.org](http://www.ippexpo.org) the world's largest annual poultry, feed, and meat industry event, will be held from January 28 – 30, 2014, at the Georgia World Congress Centre in Atlanta, GA. The *Biosecurity – Revisiting the Basics and Implementing New Strategies* program is scheduled from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Thursday, January 30.

World Poultry

Scottish Poultry Club Dinner, just gets bigger and better, with 382 people indulging in some escapism, plus a rather nice meal, but as the numbers increase its getting harder to find friends but you always make some new ones, it was nice to see John Retson getting the Howie/Surgenor cup for somebody that has contributed a lot to our industry, for John and his family at JSR Services are at the sharp end of our industry, not just in the supply of equipment and packaging material and the supply of pullets, but John has been a pusher in our Organic and free range development and one of the people responsible for Organic production and egg sales in Scotland being 2% higher than England and Wales.



John and the Retson family team receiving the cup from Edwardo

What do you call an egg that goes on safari?

An eggs-plorer!



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