

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	£1.10(-10p) £1.50	80p(-10p) £1.40	70p(-10p) £1.30	
English Wholesaler	Colony F/R	£1.20(-20p) £1.50(-20p)	£1.05(-20p) £1.30(-20p)	80p(-20p) £1.00(-5p)	55p(-20p) 65p(-20p)
	Colony F/R	£1.20(-5p) £1.60	95p(-5p) £1.50(-5p)	80p(-5p) £1.30(-10p)	55p(-5p) 75p(-20)
Packer / Producer Contracted average Price					
		Organic	FreeRange	Barn	Colony
		£1.25/£1.45	90p/£1.15	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 F/R	90p(-5p) £1.30(-30p)	65p(-10p) £1.20(-30p)	55p(-15p) £1.10(-30p)	45p(-10p) 90p(-20p)
Imported Continental Prices in Bulk					
Dutch Eggs	Colony	80p(-4p)	66p(-2p)	60p(-3p)	49p
	Barn	90p(-2p)	76p(-1p)	70p	49p
	Barn	93p	79p	72p	

The market, is in a mess, with a small degree of panic, an awful lot of Free Range have suddenly appeared , it looks like consumers in the post- Christmas New Year financial depression have cut back more than usual on food including eggs but have also changed to the bargain packs rather than Free Range.

The word is that Free Range will pick up fairly quickly, but there is a lot of pullets housing January/February and a lot of new production and capacity post Easter which will suppress Free Range prices.

Our Continental friends think that the long term outlook is good but we have been told of Spanish Mediums delivered to England at £11 per case, but no details of quality or age.

We are glad to hear that France is getting on top of the Avian Influenza problem, the worrying problem is that the bulk of the confirmed outbreaks are right along the French/Spanish border, with none so far in Spain we wonder are they looking, if you don't look you can't find and every country is very wary of the financial consequences of AI particularly in the UK and USA.

It was previously thought that the high risk was from wetland species coming down from Siberia down through the Baltic States to Holland and if a hard winter pushing them over to the UK, but now there is a new risk of the spring migration of birds returning from Africa via Spain and France.

SEPRA AGM Perth 6th January

SEPRA.... RIP-----Hello SEPRA 2016

There are new officials, a new committee, and a new constitution with only commercial producers and people directly involved with the supply industry and as my 11 hens and Geronimo the cockerel don't comply I have been delisted as secretary/editor, so this will be the last newsletter from myself.

I have been involved in this industry for too long, and it is time to be put out to pasture I have witnessed and been involved with changes in our industry which were beyond believe.

Starting with brooding chicks with paraffin Putnam lamps, then hay box brooders night arcs and range houses, deep litter, weld mesh and slats, cages from Dunblain and shepherd cages to our modern high specification/Colonies.

Free Range has evolved very fast from field houses not many years ago to the latest high tech 16 and 32 thousand bird houses, who would have thought that a house of those sizes could be controlled by a computer system and to collect eggs you simply press a button and the conveyer system and farm packer does the rest, where will the engineers and designers take things in the next few years.????

There is no comparison from the old Road Island Red/Light Sussex crosses to our modern laying hen, the geneticists have worked wonders and are continuing to do so, feed and nutrition is now a science and research in it linked to the improvement in our hens is producing results and costs of production which is mainly of benefit to our customers/consumers.

I have been accused of wearing too many hats and now have 1 less, Kaye and myself have now been putting together this report for 7 years and that is a long enough sentence for anybody, but we would like to thank everyone who has helped to keep SEPRA going over the years, friends not just in Scotland but England the EU and the USA in this ever shrinking world of poultry people.

One fringe benefit will be the reduction in the telephone and satellite phone when off sailing. I have the tall ship alongside for the worst of the winter and maintenance but should have her operational by the spring, La Malouine programme for 2016/7 is filling up nicely, we have had a request from Royal Greenwich to visit and today from the Ballantrae Smuggling Festival to call by and fire off our ships cannons so will be kicking about mostly in the Irish Sea and the West Coast and hope to be able to take part in STI North Sea race to Sweden. If anyone would like to sponsor some young people for the tall ship experience it would be appreciated, it changes lives, just Google La Malouine and you can follow the ship. Thank you again to everyone.

AI outbreak in France seems to be under control

Jan 5, 2016

The number of cases of high-pathogenic avian influenza in France has risen to 65, the department of agriculture in Paris announced on Jan 5th. That number is only 1 higher than the week before and 2 more than just before Christmas.

The outbreak, which started mid-December in the Dordogne, rapidly spread to other regions in the south-east of the country. Most affected is the Department of Les Landes with 27 infected premises followed by the Dordogne which has 13 cases. In the weeks before Christmas, the number of cases increased strongly.

However, half of the new cases were discovered during the compulsory inspection of birds destined for slaughter. Since that rule has been relaxed, hardly any new cases have come to light. The department stresses that the current restrictions on the transport and export of birds and hatching eggs remain in place until further notice.

Ruud Peijs



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Would you mind replying to this email with:

- **Full name**

- **Business**
- **One-two lines about why you/your nomination deserve an award**

We would be most grateful for your time.

Yours Sincerely

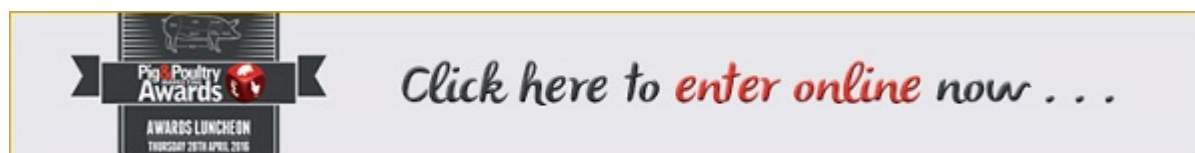
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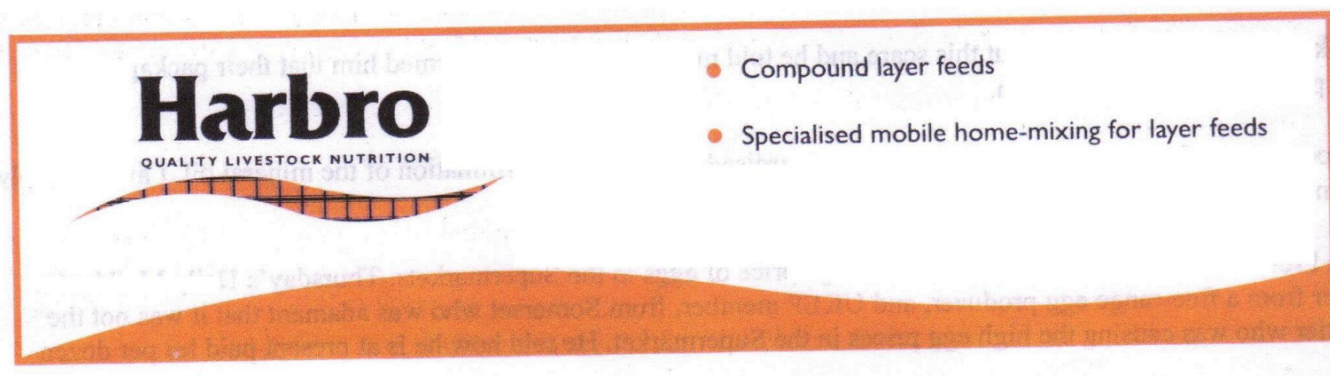


Scotland has always done well in these awards with our own James Baxter being a winner in 2015

If you do not already receive it **Poultry World** is an excellent source of information and well worth the subscription we also recommend **The Ranger** and David Sparkman's United Kingdom Egg Producer Newsletter.

Wishing you all health and happiness as nothing else really matters.

Roy Kerr





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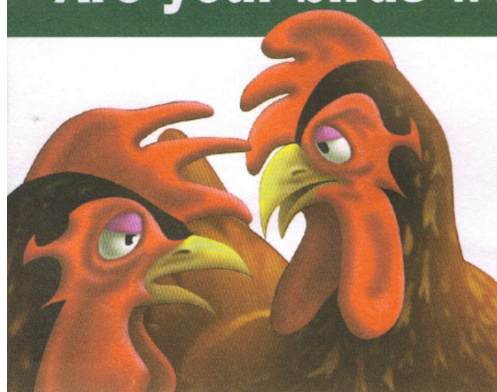


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