

# 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 (-10p)	£1.25 (-10p)	£1.15 (-10p)	80p (-10p)
<b>Scottish Wholesaler</b>	Prices	£1.30(-10p)	80p(-10p)	70p(-10p)	
<b>English Wholesaler 1</b>	Colony	£1.10 (-10p)	66p (-4p)	56p (-10p)	52p
	F/R	£1.30	£1.20	£1.10 (+5p)	60p
<b>2</b>	Colony	£1.10	70p	62p	55p
	F/R	£1.15	£1.10	90p	
<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>		<b>V. Large</b>	<b>Large</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Small</b>
<b>- Colony</b>	Prices	£2.00 (-10p)	£1.85 (-10p)	£1.40 (-10p)	90p (-10p)
<b>- Free Range</b>	Prices	£3.00 (-10p)	£2.35 (-10p)	£1.93 (-10p)	£1.05 (-10p)
<b>Free-Range to Farm Shop</b>	Prices	£1.75 / £2.25 (-10p)	£1.31 / £1.91 (-10p)	£1.15 / £1.45 (-10p)	95p (-10p)
<b>Central Egg Agency</b>	Colony	£1.10	75p	65p	55p
	F/R	£1.30	£1.20	£1.10	80p
<b>Imported Continental Prices in Bulk</b>					
<b>Dutch Eggs</b>	Barn	95p	72p(-3p)	66p(-3p)	

Prices / not good news ,after 14 months we have had to reduce the SEPRAs prices, it is not over supply of home produced eggs, it is simply lack of demand, and it is liable to get worse, May is always a poor month demand wise, ( the change of eating habits from winter to summer) plus there will be new Free Range flocks coming into production, price wise Medium appear to be the weakest and we have heard of English produced on offer at 48p and 46p which is suicidal with the current cost of production.

EU, at last they have decided to take action against non-compliance of the 2012 cage regulations ,16 months late, Italy and Greece have been chosen, if fines are imposed it will be Germany lending them the money so that they can pay the fines back to Germany (will that not classify as loan sharking).

## Warning

We have been harping on about Bio-Security, it's getting really serious now, the swallows are arriving ,other migratory birds will be following, Newcastle Disease (Fowl Pest) has been confirmed in

Libya, which is on one of the migratory birds flight routes to Italy and on into Europe, in Holland there will have been no commercial alternative system hens outside for a month now, and most likely for a few weeks more, on instruction from the Dutch government, who take this very seriously as they have had several cases of Avian Influenza usually linked to migratory birds.

We have tourists and business people freely visiting China in increasing numbers, the new form of Avian Influenza there appears to be spreading, with unconfirmed reports in Vietnam and Thailand, our media are now picking up the problem and monitoring any developments, if there is the least hint of any infection in the UK there will be banner headlines, causing mass panic in the general public, eggs and poultry sales will stop dead, it will make the Salmonella panic of years ago look like a hiccup, **that is what is happening in China right now**, be very very careful in the next few weeks.

## Animal Welfare: Commission refers Greece and Italy to Court for failure to enforce ban on cages for laying hens

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European Commission

Press release

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Animal Welfare: Commission refers Greece and Italy to Court for failure to enforce ban on cages for laying hens

Today, the European Commission decided to take Greece and Italy to the Court of Justice of the European Union over the failure to correctly implement Directive [1999/74/EC](#) banning "un-enriched cages" (battery cages).

The political decision for the ban on "un-enriched" cages was taken in 1999. Greece and Italy had twelve years to ensure a smooth transition to the new system and to implement the Directive.

As from 1 January 2013, Directive 1999/74/EC requires that all laying hens are kept in "enriched cages" with extra space to nest, scratch and roost, or in alternative systems. Thus cages can be used only if they provide each hen with at least 750 cm<sup>2</sup> of cage area, a nest-box, litter, perches and claw-shortening devices, allowing the hens to satisfy their biological and behavioural needs.

On the 26 of January 2012, the Commission sent a letter of formal notice asking Greece and Italy, together with 11 other EU Member States to take action to address deficiencies in the implementation of the EU legislation concerning the welfare of animals, and specifically to implement the ban on "un-enriched" cages for laying hens which applied as of 1st January 2012. This was followed by a reasoned opinion on

the 21st of June 2012. Of the 13 Member States that received letters requesting them to correctly implement this directive, only two Member States remain non-compliant.

Full compliance by all Member States is essential to avoid market distortions and unfair competition. Lack of enforcement of the ban of "un-enriched" cages put businesses that invested in complying with the new measures at a disadvantage.

Greece and Italy so far, despite repeated calls by the Commission to address the situation, have failed to adequately comply with applicable EU law. The Commission looks forward to these Member States ensuring compliance.

Further information

On the April infringement package decisions, see [MEMO/13/375](#)

On the general infringement procedure, see [MEMO/12/12](#)

For more information on infringement procedures:

[http://ec.europa.eu/eu\\_law/infringements/infringements\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/eu_law/infringements/infringements_en.htm)

For more information:

The protection of laying hens:

[http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/farm/laying\\_hens\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/animal/welfare/farm/laying_hens_en.htm)

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## Newcastle disease in Libyan poultry flocks

**An outbreak of Newcastle Disease has been reported in Eastern Libya, resulting in the death of over 50,000 birds.**

Poultry producers have appealed for an immediate intervention from the Ministry to halt the spread of illness. The extermination of the birds has caused great economic loss and severely harmed the local market in the Tobruk area.

As officials struggle to control the outbreak of Newcastle Disease, there have been reports of carcasses of infected birds being dumped by the roadside. The government is now stepping up measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

"We are printing flyers, leaflets and posters to raise awareness of the disease among both farmers and

consumers," a spokesperson from the Ministry of Agriculture, Kamel Issa, told the Libya Herald.

The Ministry has closed a number of affected premises, some of which may remain shut for several months. Yesterday, farms in the Zahra area near Tripoli were cleansed and sterilised.

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## Turkeys culled in German LPAI outbreak

**Avian influenza virus subtype H7 has been detected in the German district of Osnabruck.**

The mild form of bird flu broke out in two turkey farms located in Lower Saxony. This was confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture confirmed last week. All 27,000 turkeys in the farms will now be culled.

The cause of the outbreak is as yet unknown.

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## Company Update: Ovostar increases flock numbers

**A leading producer of eggs and egg products in Ukraine, Ovostar Union, has reported a significant increase in its total flock as part of its operational results for the first quarter of 2013.**



As of 31 March 2013 the total flock of the company increased by 28% to 4.32 mln birds from 3.37 mln birds as of 31 March 2012. Laying hens flock increased by 33% to 3.34 mln birds (3M2012: 2.50 mln birds).

In the first quarter 2013 egg production increased by 23% year-on-year to 214 mln eggs (3M2012: 174 mln eggs). The volume of eggs sold increased to 127 mln from 124 mln in the first quarter 2012 while volumes of eggs exported increased to 12 mln eggs.

In the first quarter 2013 the company processed 49% more eggs than in the first quarter of 2012 reaching 70 mln eggs (3M2012: 47 mln eggs). As a result, selling volumes of dry and liquid egg products increased considerably. In the first three months of 2013 the sales volume of dry egg products increased by 92% to 346 tons and sales volume of liquid egg products increased by 61% to 1 639 tons (3M2012: 180

and 1 020 tons, respectively).

The Company's 2012-2013 investment program is being implemented on schedule. Equipment installation is being finalised in the second laying hens house of 309,000 hen places. This laying hens house will be launched in May 2013. All necessary equipment required for a 10,000 ton expansion of the grain storage facility has been delivered and in March 2013 the company started installation of the grain elevator. Expanded capacities of grain storage are expected to be launched in August 2013.

Among other key developments, in the first quarter of 2013 the company started production of private label eggs for METRO under the Fine Food trademark and also signed a contract with Zhytomirsky meat processing plant to supply egg products.

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The Ukraine is entering the EU as an associate member i.e.(free trade without the euro.)

How did the egg get up the mountain?

It scrambled up!

We are thinking of producing the SEpra book of chicken jokes, all contributions gratefully received.

