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New York auction pulls in the crowds

A snow flurry early in the day failed to deter a crowd of several hundred gathering at Dovecote Hall Farm, at Thornton-le-Fen near New York, last Friday for Brown & Co's dispersal sale of farm machinery and equipment.

The auction came about following the recent sale of the Lincolnshire farm to a Danish buyer. The auction sale was held on behalf of outgoers W M Turner and Son, who are emigrating to continue farming in Canada.

Auctioneer James O'Brien, of Brown & Co's Spalding office, commented; 'buoyed up by the recent upturn in commodity prices, farmers and dealers from far and wide attended and bid confidently to secure well maintained machinery and equipment.'

The sale featured over 400 lots of arable and livestock equipment including four tractors and three excavators. The farm of 1,070 acres grew cereals and oilseed rape and supported a herd of 190 cattle and a small pig unit.

After competitive bidding a **JCB JS130 tracked excavator made £9,600**, while a **MF3085 4wd tractor fetched £8,000**. A **Claas Variant 260 round baler went for £7,250** while a **JCB 3CX-4 wheeled digger fell under the hammer at £6,900**. Another of the four tractors – a **John Deere 3050 2wd – made £4,400**.

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