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## Fine weather does not dampen auction crowd

Despite the exceptionally fine weather, several hundred farmers and dealers from across the UK and Ireland took time out to attend Brown and Co's farm machinery auction at Pond Farm, Toft Monks, near Loddon in Norfolk, this week.

Following a decision to enter into a contract farming agreement, Stephen Farrow and family approached Brown & Co to hold a dispersal sale. Together with extensive arable farming equipment, a combine harvester and twelve tractors, the sale included specialist blackcurrant equipment.

Bidding was competitive with a John Deere 6810, with over 7,000 hours on the clock, fetching £16,400, while a John Deere 6300, with in excess of 9,000 hours, reached £8,400. An Amazone KE303 power harrow/AD-PL302 air drill combination fetched over £5,500, while the John Deere 1188 combine harvester, having worked just short of 3,000 hours, fell to the hammer for in excess of £15,000.

Brown & Co auctioneer Simon Wearmouth, from the Norwich office, said; " the current rise in commodity prices appears to have injected an air of optimism in to the market with farmers prepared to bid confidently for quality arable machinery."

Brown & Co's next machinery auction is on 22 March near Bardney, Lincolnshire. Lots include an extensive array of tractors and arable machinery. Further information is available on [www.brown-co.com](http://www.brown-co.com).

*Picture caption:*An expectant crowd of onlookers watch Brown & Co auctioneer Simon Wearmouth take strong bids for a 2005 John Deere 592 Hiflow round baler.

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