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Hundreds turn out for Auction

Despite heavy over night heavy rain the weather cleared and over four hundred farmers and dealers from across the UK and Ireland took time out to attend Brown and Co's farm machinery auction at Sewstern, near Grantham yesterday.

Following a change in farming policy by H Newton & Son Brown & Co were approached to hold a dispersal sale on the farm. Together with extensive arable farming equipment, a combine harvester and tractors, the sale included a selection of well-maintained implements including cultivation and harvest machinery, trailers, livestock handling apparatus and over 200 lots of workshop and traditional hand tools.

Bidding was competitive with a John Deere 3420 Telehandler fetching £26,750 and a New Holland TM165 Tractor falling to the hammer for £21,000. A Vaderstad 500 Rapid Drill was sold for £13,950 while a Massey Ferguson 38RS Combine Harvester realised £13,000.

Brown & Co auctioneers Richard Godson and Will Parry from the Grantham office, commented; " The recent rise in commodity prices appears to have injected an air of optimism in to the industry, with farmers prepared to bid confidently for quality arable machinery. Many of the values achieved far succeeded expectation."

"The machinery was extremely well maintained and the vendor has an excellent reputation which gave buyers an extra incentive to bid up to secure kit," added Mr Parry.

Brown & Co's is holding a machinery auction on 12 June at Brigg, North Lincolnshire. Further information is available on www.brown-co.com.

