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ON BEHALF OF
ACORN FARMS LTD.
MAJOR DISPERSAL AUCTION OF
450 LOTS OF MODERN ARABLE MACHINERY
AT ACTON HALL, SUDBURY, SUFFOLK

Peter Crichton reports a huge turnout of over 250 registered buyers from many parts of the country and abroad, and as a result, a record sale total was achieved, with every lot sold for Stephen Cobbald, thanks to the high quality and well maintained condition of all the lots at Acton Hall Farm, also due to all the hard work by Stephen, Simon, Newman and Steve setting out the sale so well and preparing the lots in first class order.

Tractors, Vehicles & Combine Star of the show was a 2009 Claas Lexion 570+ combine with 1,528 drum hours recorded, selling for a top price of the day for £75,000. A quality selection of tractors included a 2013 MF7276 Dyna 6 model with 2,512 hours recorded and in immaculate condition selling for £47,500, followed by a 2010 JD 6930 with 5,390 hours recorded which sold at £31,750 and a Ford 8210 with 7,560 hours made £9,350; an elderly 1980s Volvo loading shovel fetched £2,100 and a 2008 Kubota Mule £4,600.

Cultivating & Arable Equipment Top price in this section was £46,500 paid for a SAM SLC4000 self-propelled sprayer with a 24m reach and buyers were spoilt for choice as far as high quality, modern cultivation machinery was concerned, with a top price of £14,400 paid for a Vaderstad 6m Aggressive NZ spring tine cultivator, followed by £14,100 for a Vaderstad Top Down 490 4m cultivator; a Simba X-Press 6.5m cultivator made £13,600; two Kverneland LB85 Vari-Width 5 furrow ploughs sold for £10,400 (5+1 furrows) and £6,200. A Hankins twin-leg mounted mole drainer realised £4,100 and a Cousins 7 leg subsoiler £4,000. A set of Maschio power harrows realised £4,100 and Cousins Contour 12m Cambridge rolls met plenty of competition, changing hands at £7,100. A Simba 6.6m cultipress sold at £12,800 and a KRM twin disc fertiliser spreader £4,300.

Forage equipment included a Bomford T-Wing 4.6m topper at £5,900; a Major 2.8m topper £1,300; a Kuhn 2.3m disc mower £2,350 and a McConnell Hy-Reach hedge cutter £4,500.

Trailers A useful selection, with a top price of £12,150 for a Richard Western 16t bulk tipping trailer ; £4,500 for Marston 10t flatbed trailer; an lfor Williams 12ft livestock trailer £2,000; a Legg 12t trailer £2,600 and other trailers at £1,200 downwards.

Workshop & Sheep Equipment, Spares & Sundries also met plenty of competition from start to finish, with Strainrite fencing sets selling for up to £110; lamb creep feeders to £240; walk-through feeders to £100 per pair and wheels and tyres saw a top price of £1,120 paid for a pair of Row Crop wheels and tyres, with other sets making from £450 downwards.

Included Lots From Local Farmers A high quality selection of 90 included lots sold on behalf of 25 local vendors met an almost total clearance, with plenty of demand for a varied selection of farm machinery and equipment. Top price in this section was £28,500 paid for a 2010 Claas Axion 850 tractor with 5,784 hours recorded and a 2007 MF8480 tractor showing 5,214 hours realised £22,000. A useful selection of older tractors included a 1974 JD 4430 which made £6,500; a 1988 JD 3650 £7,650; 1978 Ford 4600 £2,600 and a remarkable £5,200 was paid for a 1977 Ford 7600 tractor. A 1984 JD 855 compact tractor also exceeded expectations, selling at £3,600.

A choice selection of cultivating arable equipment saw only seven lots unsold, with a top price of £15,000 paid for a Vaderstad Top Down 4m cultivator; a Unicorn 12 row sugar beet twin disc mulch drill realised £10,000; a Lemkin Zirkon 3m combi-drill made £5,300; a Kverneland 8 furrow shallow plough with press £4,800 and a Horsch 3m cultivator with roller £4,800. A Sumo 3m 7 leg cultivator realised £4,800; a Simba 5m folding top tilth £5,000; a TWB twin-leg Magic Mole trailed plough (2014) £8,800; a Vicon RO-EDW fertiliser spreader £1,800; an Ingersoll Rand compressor £2,200; a Quivogne 4m combination harrow £1,450 and many other useful bits of equipment soon found new homes.

All in all, a poignant day and the end of an era for Stephen who started farming at Acton Hall on his own account 49 years ago but can now concentrate on promoting farming to the younger generation and training young farmers in sheep husbandry and working with sheep dogs.



Plenty of buyers



Slip runner at work



One man and his dog



Lean on me



2009 Claas Lexion 570+ Combine - £75,000



Ford 8100 - £9,350



2008 Kubota Mule £4,600



MF8480 (2008) £22,000
Claas Axion 850 (2010) £28,500



Plenty of trailers



Wheel of Fortune



Western 16t trailer - £12,150



Kverneland Plough - £10,400



MF7276 (2013) £47,500



SAM Sprayer - £48,500



JD 6930 (2010) £31,750



Simba Cultivator £13,600

Stephen and his dogs

