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## **Fierce bidding at organic farm machinery sale**

Over 400 farmers and dealers from across the UK descended on Manor Farm at Lessingham in Norfolk yesterday, leading to fierce bidding at Brown & Co's sale of farm machinery and livestock equipment.

Previously run as an organic livestock, vegetable and arable operation, the packed auction sale featured over 300 lots including three combine harvesters, two beet harvesters, several tractors and an array of sheep equipment from drinking troughs to a livestock trailer.

"The star Lot, a Deutz Fahr Hydro Combine Harvester, with just over 2000 hours on the clock, fetched £17,850," says Brown & Co auctioneer Simon Wearmouth, from the Norwich office. "With many sheep farmers present, bidding for livestock lots was particularly competitive with many lots selling at a premium. With new machinery in short supply, and a renewed air of optimism in arable farming, trade for used machinery is booming."

Other major lots included a Claas Dominator 76 Combine Harvester, which fell under the hammer for £5,900. Meanwhile a Deutz Fahr 608 Agro Star 4WD Tractor fetched £9,550 and a John Deere 3350 4WD model sold for £7,100. A Dowdeswell DPH400H Power Harrow with mounted Accord DF1 Air Drill sold for £3,300 and an Opico 6m Tined Harrow with Opico Air 8 Seeder fetched slightly more at £4,300.

Farmed by Lessingham Manor Farms, the 230 acres of land were recently sold by Brown & Co to a local farmer. Meanwhile the attractive brick and flint Manor House, and Manor Farm Cottage, with traditional farm buildings and approximately 7 hectares of land, are offered for sale by the firm's Norwich office with a guide price of £750,000.

Brown & Co's next farm machinery auction is at South Kyme, near Lincoln, on 20 March. For further information, and an auction catalogue, visit [www.brown-co.com](http://www.brown-co.com) or call the Grantham office 01476 514442.

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