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Inaugural Sale in the Vale

Despite the forecast of heavy showers, a good crowd gathered at Sedgebrook for Brown & Co's inaugural Sale in the Vale Collective Auction of farm machinery and implements last week.

With over fifteen vendors contributing a total of 70 lots, the sale was held courtesy of John Scott, whose yard at Woolsthorpe Lane, near Grantham, proved to be an accessible and practical venue. With a backdrop of Belvoir Castle, farmers and machinery dealers from around the region turned out and Will Parry, of Brown & Co's Grantham office, described the sale as being of high quality.

Brown & Co auctioneer Richard Godson started the auction with a number of cultivation equipment and attachment lots before moving on to trailers and tractors. Competitive bidding saw a JCB 535 Loader sell for £20,600, a Heath Superchaser for £16,500 and a Massey Ferguson 399 fell to the hammer for £6,000.

"The recent rise in commodity prices is giving arable farmers the confidence to make greater investment in machinery," says Will Parry. "Many of the region's farmers are taking the opportunity to upgrade allowing them to take advantage of economies of scale." As a result he says demand for new farm machinery is at the highest it has been for a number of years. In turn it is helping to create a strong market for second hand machinery.

"We hope this will be the start of an annual collective sale at this Sedgebrook site," say Will Parry. "Sandwiched in the Saturday between the annual Cereals Events and the Lincolnshire Show, it is a date that should stick in the mind!"

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