

Dispersal Sale of Specialist Fruit Farming Equipment on behalf of D H Bryant & Partners at Bounds Farm, Boughton under Blean, Faversham, Kent ME13 9AL held on Wednesday 22nd February 2017.

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Following Henry Bryant's decision to reorganise his farming activities, Lambert & Foster undertook a huge dispersal sale of specialist fruit farming equipment on the premises on 22nd February. Blessed with kind weather leading into the sale, conditions underfoot were good and a huge company of buyers attended with in excess of 250 registered bidders. It has been many years since there had been a genuine dispersal sale of modern fruit farming equipment. The farm had previously grown a variety of top fruit (apples, pears and plums) as well as a significant acreage of cherries and blackcurrants.

Top price on the day was paid for the 2003 Joonas International Blackcurrant Harvester. The machine was bought new onto the farm in 2003 and after spirited bidding sold to a local consortium for £36,000. Next best was £24,000 paid for the 2013 Terex TL80 All Terrain Loader. Buyers were the incoming farm tenants A C Goatham & Son.

Upwards of 20 tractors were on offer, not only off the farm but also included from local fruit farms, and top price in this section was £21,000 paid for the 2016 Landini REX 100F 4WD Fruit Tractor with 3 other Landini's (2011-2016) selling between £11,000 and £18,500.

Amongst the other specialist machinery and equipment the 2015 Kirkland MOS7200 Fruit Sprayer changed hands at £16,000 with other fruit sprayers selling in the range of £4,200 to £8,500. The Fruit tech Darwin Mechanical Blossom Thinner sold well at £4,500 and the BMV Vertical Mechanical Tree Pruner realised £4,000.

In addition to the main catalogue of equipment off the farm, included entries were accepted from local fruit farmers which attracted plenty of interest. The 2005 Volvo 2.5T Digger surpassed expectations changing hands at £7,600, a Komatsu 2.7T Digger £4,800 and a selection of fruit tractors for repair and renovation sold to a top of £4,200 for a MF 3340 in need of a new gearbox.

Lambert & Foster's next sale is a Dispersal on behalf of the Executors of Jim Bishenden at Breach Farm, Upchurch, Kent on Thursday 16th March 2017 where an offering of mainly grassland and arable equipment together with a number of selected invited entries from local farms.

