

The Fern Farm Sale Report – 27th October 2018

Nick Champion reports that there was a terrific turnout at The Fern Farm, Nash, Ludlow for the dispersal sale held on behalf of the Executors of the late Frank Edwards on Saturday, 27th October 2018.

The sale offered a range of some newer but mostly old farm machinery and equipment which met with spirited bidding throughout to top at £19,300 (excluding VAT & premium) for the 2006 JCB 526S loadall which sold to a Derbyshire buyer after a prolonged battle with a County Cork telephone bidder who gave up at £18,000, before a local bidder then unsuccessfully took over the fight. Next best was £15,750 for the 2002 New Holland TS90 Turbo tractor which was knocked down to a Staffordshire buyer after another prolonged battle with the same County Cork bidder. There were three more older and battered tractors offered on behalf of the estate which included a sought after 1970 John Deere 3120 which sold to a local farmer at £4,500, the 1967 Nuffield 10/60 went at £1,400 and the 1974 David Brown 1210 made £1,100.

The sale included no fewer than six grain trailers which topped at £6,650 for a 2012 NC 1645-10 followed by £4,400 for the 2000 Marshall QM10, £1,350 for a 4.5t C J Marshall S/4, the Weeks Smoothloader 7t made £1,150, a Massey Ferguson 3t made £760 and a Martin Markham 5t at £590.

The machinery section was topped at £3,900 for the immaculate 2015 Kuhn Axis 30.2 fertiliser spreader which went to a local farmer. The 2008 Kuhn GMD 55 Select mower went at £2,050 and a 2.0m JCB grain bucket made £780. The aged Dowdeswell DP8B 4 furrow reversible plough made £580, whilst a nearly new Slewitic safety cage made a very creditable £480. The remainder of the machinery was old and well used and topped at £290 for a Fereboli M30C power harrow followed by £210 for a Howard rotavator, £200 for a Barford cultivator and the same price for a flat roll and £190 for a PZ haybob 300.

In the equipment section there was a good selection of cattle handling equipment with an IAE head yolk at £380, an IAE sliding race gate at £300 and a 30' cattle race frame at £400, with 10' hurdles fetching between £75 and £100 each. Sheep race gates sold up to £40 with 4 race panels at £65. General equipment saw a factory trolley make £120, RSJ's at £100, pto airline pump at £75, Karcher pressure washer £80, JFC feed barrow £95, 45 stakes made £150, a telegraph pole £70 and £300 for the tump of scrap iron.

The sale also included some additional entries from local farmers including a superb 2001 Landrover Defender 90 for the Executors of the late John Moore which met with widespread interest and went to a local farmer at £11,500. An unadvertised Kubota KX61-2 mini digger also sold very well at £9,000. The two Fordson tractors were also well sought after, despite being battered and missing parts with the Super Dexta topping at £1,750 and the Super Major at £1,650, whilst in the included machinery entries a Fleming single bale carrier made £250.

The wheat straw sold at £14 per bale for 4 string 7' x 80 x 90 bales which reflected the plentiful supplies currently available.

In the household chattels section, top price was £280 for a longcase clock which was missing its pendulum and weights, a pine wardrobe made £250, mahogany dining table £160, mahogany sideboard £150 and a blanket chest £140.