

Double the output

With their distinctive cow-hide livery, Metcalfe Farms' two JAGUAR 980s are a well-known sight across north-east England.

The latest forager is the most recent in a long-line of 23 CLAAS foragers that have served the family's dairy herd and contract customer base.

The company has run JAGUAR 980s since 2007, due to the unparalleled output the flagship model offers.

"With our own 1300-head dairy herd and a big round of contracting customers, we need maximum capacity," explains Richard Metcalfe. "If we get some tricky weather then we can't afford to get caught out – the JAGUAR 980's output gives us a bit of insurance to make sure we can get the ground covered."

IMPROVED CROP FLOW

"And this latest machine is a step up from our last one too. With the latest grass pick-up there's no holding the new JAGUAR 980 back. Where previously intake could be the bottleneck, we're now finding we can do almost double the output in certain conditions because the crop flow is so improved."

"In lumpy swaths on new grass leys we would struggle with the old header – the slip clutch would go off and we were having to replace it on a regular basis. With the new one this year we've only had to change the clutch once all season," says driver Luke Walker. "It's also that much better at contouring on uneven ground – we've only had to replace one pick-up tine this year."



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JAGUAR 980

“Crop flow is so much smoother through the new JAGUAR 980. That’s thanks to a combination of factors but primarily the new variable speed header drive that matches itself to the feed-rollers pace so that you’re always getting a consistent chop length. That’s been especially good where we’ve been chopping maize down to 6mm for anaerobic digesters.”

“In tough, new ley grass it works really well with the new pick-up too, ironing out the lumps and doing away with that horrible surging effect that you can get.”

“Both of our LEXION 670TT combines have LASER PILOT so I know how well CLAAS’ camera steering system works. Having it on the forager makes life a doddle – I just set it going and it follows the swath off up the field.”

“In combination with AUTOFILL loading the trailers it takes all the stress off me. It’s brilliant in big fields – I can just get on and eat my sandwiches in peace!”

WHY CLAAS?

“When it comes to foragers there’s nothing that can match the JAGUAR for all round usability and output – there’s nothing on the market that’s quite as refined,” says Richard. “But critically, on top of that, the back-up we get from CLAAS EASTERN is just brilliant. They’re out to us at the drop of a hat and any issues are sorted as quickly as they possibly can be.” **CLAAS** |||||

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