

# All wrapped up with CLAAS



David Conly

Conly Agri contractors are a family owned and operated business based near Ballybay in Co Monaghan. This corner in the northwest of Ireland, is very much steeped in livestock rearing and family operated dairy farms.

With this in mind Conly Agri offer a very flexible and reliable service to their customers. Slurry spreading and silage making are the services that the Conlys give to their customers. Speaking to David Conly, he said that doing these jobs correctly and on time are very important to every livestock farmer.

## A FLEET OF ARION 600

Conly Agri use a fleet of 5 CLAAS ARION 600 series tractors ranging from an 11,000 hour 2010 registered 630 to a brand new 650 which has just arrived in the yard. On the silage making side of the business, they employ a two pronged attack with a CLAAS ROLLANT 455 UNIWRAP combi baler looking after the baled end and a JAGUAR 870 looking after pit silage customers. A new JAGUAR has been purchased this year and its only run so far was in the local Saint Patrick's day parade. The forager will harvest around 1,200ha once the season begins. The two outfits are run separately with David senior running the JAGUAR and David Junior running the UNIWRAP. The UNIWRAP was bought for grass season 2021 as a replacement for a different brand of combi baler. David said that the two main factors in purchasing the CLAAS machine over the other brands were

the ability of the CLAAS pickup to “wolf down big rows”, where other machines struggled.

These rows are made using a LINER 2900 which works for both sides of the grass business. The other factor in his decision was the service that they have received from LEINSTER FARM MACHINERY. This runs from the Sales team through to the Service Technicians that, he said, are “always on the end of the phone or in the field when you need them.”

Having one full season under his belt with the UNIWRAP and 8,000 issue free bales, David has seen other advantages of the CLAAS over other combi balers. He has found it to be more manoeuvrable than his previous machine, which is an added bonus as many of the roads and fields that he would be working in are on the smaller side of big modern machinery. With much of David's work being based in the hilly areas of County Monaghan, he has found the CLAAS to be very stable and sure-footed. David has also found that the baler output is up on an hourly and per litre of diesel basis, crucial factors in any contracting business today.

## CLAAS CENTRAL TO THE BUSINESS

CLAAS machinery will always be central to the Conlys business because of the service he receives from LEINSTER which is “second to none”, and the “amazing second hand value of CLAAS gear”. David said that as soon as you advertise CLAAS grass equipment the phone starts to ring, and they are never in the yard too long. David uses CLAAS mowers to mow the grass for both the forager and the baler. There are 2 rear DISCO 3200 and a matching DISCO 3200 front mower in the yard along with a LINER 2900 rake.