



# Rory Harrold

ARION 650 CMATIC

Near Holt, North Norfolk, May 2022

# CLAAS CMATIC – Geared for Growth

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roducing some 10,000 four-string bales of hay, haylage and straw every year alongside a 142 ha arable enterprise, Norfolk grower Rory Harrold needs dependable machinery that will get the job done with precision.

To that end, last year he took delivery of a CLAAS ARION 650 equipped with a stepless CMATIC CVT gearbox.



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## Farm Facts

G&R Harrold near Holt, north Norfolk

### Farmed area

344 ha

### Cropping

Winter barley 57 ha

Spring barley 28 ha

Sugar beet 28 ha

202 ha grassland for hay and haylage

### Staff

Rory and Richard Harrold.

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## Why an ARION 650?

“When it came to changing our previous tractor, I looked at a number of different options, but really liked the 650’s combination of size, power and weight.

“At under 7-tonnes with an 185 hp motor under the hood it’s got all the poke we need. It’s ideal for our trailed sprayer. Using liquid fertiliser, we can be forced to travel when the ground is a bit tender, the light footprint of the ARION makes all the difference.

“In the summer it spends a good deal of its time with front and rear mowers hitched on. Given its power, it’s remarkably agile on the headlands. When it comes to other power-hungry work it never struggles – it does all the baling, ploughing and drilling and just keeps plodding on, no matter what conditions are like.”

## Why a CMATIC transmission?

“Our previous tractor was a different shade of green, it also had a stepless CVT and that proved the concept, particularly for speed-sensitive jobs like baling and pulling a trailed beet harvester.

“But when we had a CLAAS CMATIC on demo we quickly realised it had a number of key benefits over what we’d had before. With a part-loaded sprayer there is no surging on the road. It is much smoother to pull away and much more precise when inching up to an implement – that’s critical from a safety point of view.

“On the road it is just brilliant – once you’re up to speed the engine drops back to 1,200 rpm with a gentle hum meaning that it’s literally sipping diesel.”

## Is it easy to use?

“One of the things I really appreciate about the 650 is how simple it is to set up. The CEBIS touchscreen computer is really straightforward to use – I can just flick to the right menu page, tweak the appropriate settings and push on.

“I particularly like the programmable headland turn sequencing. I can easily get it set just as I want it and fine-tune things as I go along.”

## Why CLAAS?

“Really it’s all down to back up. MANNSS are just brilliant to us. We’ve always run CLAAS combines so we know they’ve always got parts on the shelf and decent people to solve any issues.

“CLAAS has got an incredibly strong pedigree with combines and it’s now heading that way with tractors.”



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