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With previous ARION models, if you wanted functions such as electronic spools and CMS headland management, the only option was to buy a CEBIS specification version. Now, however, all that functionality is also available with the latest CIS+ specification versions.

One of the those to benefit from this specification change is Iain Orr, who had previously run ARION with CEBIS. In December he took delivery of an ARION 630 CIS+ from GORDONS for his 200ha beef and sheep farm near Bathgate.

“I have been running ARION for the last 10 years and this will be my third,” says Iain. “The new one replaces the first ever ARION we bought, a 630, which over 10 years had done nearly 8,000 hours and served us very well. Over that time it held its value well as there is demand for ARION locally.

“My previous ARION tractors were CEBIS versions, but only because I wanted electronic spools. Not being an arable farm I don’t need half of what CEBIS can do, so the new CIS+ version is ideal and gives me everything I want.

“What I have saved by not needing CEBIS, I have spent on additional options such as a 150l/min hydraulic system, SMART STOP, climate control, an electronic hand brake, which is great and such a good safety feature, and the ELECTROPILOT control with reverser, which will be ideal for ploughing. The ARION 630 has also been fitted with front PTO and loader brackets, so that it can share an FL120 loader with our ARION 640.

“The loader control using the ELECTROPILOT is brilliant and I would not be without it. The ARION also has the new PROACTIV front axle. I was initially dubious about it as I felt there was nothing wrong with the old one, but the new one is much, much better. Without a doubt it’s far smoother and with only four grease nipples, servicing is much easier.

“Over the 10 years I have had ARION they have come on leaps and bounds in terms of technology and comfort; they are far more refined. The gearbox on the new ARION is so smooth, but it’s also things like having plenty of storage space so my piece box isn’t sliding around the floor!

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“I have looked at other makes, but there’s a very good reason why not only our tractors, but also a lot of our other machinery is CLAAS and that’s because of GORDONS. On the sales side Wullie (Ferguson) is very good, but the whole team at Strathaven are very approachable and will always do their utmost to help you out. It’s very reassuring knowing they are there in the background looking after us.”



Like father like son. Iain Orr with son Adam.



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