

MY JAGUAR 840

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With over 500 mouths to feed the Prichard family know the importance of making decent quality silage. To that end they’ve run their own forager for the last 32 years and last season took delivery of a brand-spanking new JAGUAR 840.

Q&A

“Our old 2008-plate 850 had done 13 seasons and was just tremendous,” says Clive.

“In all that time it had nothing other than wearing parts – not one major mechanical breakdown. But going into its 14th year we felt we were pushing our luck and so we decided to change for a new 840.”

Q: Why a JAGUAR 840?

“On paper the 840 is a good match for the 850 on power – in fact I’d say it’s got a good bit more go in it. In truth it could do double the acreage we’re doing each season but because it’s never pushed it doesn’t clock silly hours and therefore it should do a good ten years plus with us.”

Q: What do you make of the new cab and controls?

“The whole machine runs so much quieter than the old 850 and you really notice that up in the cab.

“The new CEBIS touchscreen makes it so much simpler to tweak settings on the move and it’s now so much easier to monitor all the performance data and jobs lists. Having the additive dosing system integrated into the system means it’s straightforward to access and adjust – it is incredibly accurate.

“The new armrest is clearly designed by someone who has spent hours in the seat – little things like having the radio controls at your fingertips makes a big difference.”

Q: Why a SHREDLAGE cracker?

“Compared to the conventional roller mill in our previous forager, we find the SHREDLAGE cracker tends to shatter the grain rather than cracking them.

“Its ability to let long fibres pass through without overloading the cracker means we’re able to run with longer chop lengths to maximise our milk solids. And critically there are no untouched grains – it’s doing a far better job than before.”

Q: Why 4wd?

“Having had four-wheel-drive on our old 850 we would never have gone back. To say it gets you out of trouble isn’t quite true – we rarely ever come close to getting stuck, even with the wet conditions we often get here in South Wales.

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Q: Why CLAAS?

“Without doubt we are CLAAS men through-and-through and run a fleet of tractors as well as a TUCANO combine and the JAGUAR. That’s all down to the relationship we have with our dealer RIVERLEA,” says Clive.



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BUSINESS FACTS

CH Prichard and Son near Raglan, Monmouthshire

FARMED AREA 263 ha

CROPPING

Winter wheat 28 ha, Winter barley 12 ha
Winter oats 12 ha, Forage maize 49 ha
Potatoes 2 ha, Short-term grass leys 28 ha
Remainder in long-term grass

MACHINERY

Forager – CLAAS JAGUAR 840
Tractors – CLAAS ARION 630, 530,
440, 410 and ARES 657
Handler – CLAAS SCORPION 736
Combine – CLAAS TUCANO 420
with 5.4m header

LIVESTOCK

200 milking cows
plus 300 followers
(replacements and
beef crosses taken
through to finishing)

STAFF

Clive and Rob
Prichard plus
another two
full-timers and
a further two at
busy times