



Roy Davey

In 2018, Roy Davey bought a Pronto 6 DC and the Horsch drill fleet has only expanded since then....

“The Pronto was the first Horsch drill that we invested in. Until then we’d only ever been using power harrow combination drills. We had wanted to speed up the drilling process without compromising seed placement, and having seen the results of a neighbouring farmer that had a Horsch, we were very impressed with the how it had sown the corn and the conditions that it was capable of working in.”

Roy made the move and hasn’t looked back since, buying the second Horsch drill a year later.

“We hadn’t had good experiences with fertiliser placement when using anything with a front tank so we wanted a drill that was capable of putting the fertiliser down with it’s own hopper that was gravity fed and the Maestro 8.75 CC ticked all the boxes. We’d been so pleased with the Pronto that we decided to give another Horsch machine a go. Fert is blown from the well proven metering unit and is placed adjacent to the seed. No other drill offers such a close placement of fertiliser so when planting on slopes, emergence and growth are both extremely consistent.”

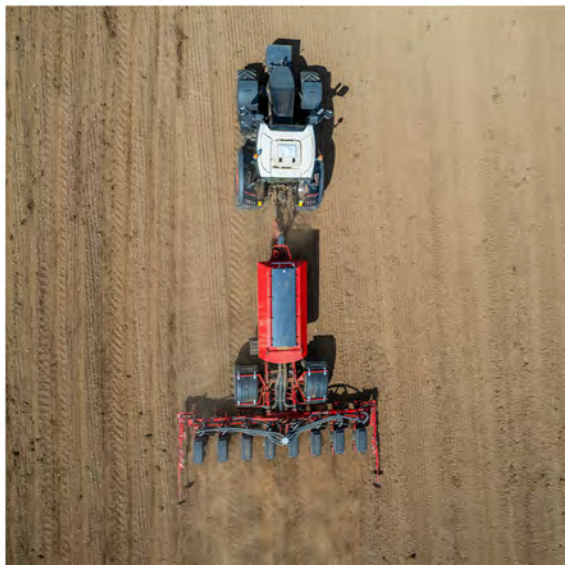
“Auto force also maintains a constant seed depth so when travelling through soft and then hard ground the drill alters the coulter pressure to suit and thus maintains a constant depth. Section control ensures that double drilling on the headlands is avoided for a more even establishment and growth.”

A few years later, Roy was in the market for another drill. “With the way that agriculture was changing again, the need for a direct drill arose. It was a choice between Horsch and another franchise, but we knew we’d be pleased with either option.”

“On all 3 drills, the seed accuracy and placement is far superior to anything we’ve used before.”

“We decided to go with the Avatar 6.16 SD purely on the basis that everything that we’d had from Horsch so far had been great and reliable. It’s very user friendly, you can hook up and go and have the peace of mind that you’re able to be successful in your days work.”

“With farmers being encouraged to diversify by getting involved with current SFI schemes, we felt that there would be an increase in demand. We ended up buying a smaller drill from another manufacturer to do those awkward steep jobs that the Horsch would be too big and heavy to manage, but the seed placement on the Avatar is far superior.”



'Everything we've had from Horsch has done exactly what it says on the side of the tin.'

"Keith came out from HAMBLYS to demo the 4m Avatar originally but we ended up going for the 6m version. Good staff are hard to come by and it's becoming more and more apparent that the window for any agricultural operation is becoming smaller due to weather conditions, whether that's drilling or harvest, so when you're able to go you need to cover a lot of ground in a shorter period of time. A larger machine means that we can do the job much quicker with only one person."

"We try not to bother Ross or Tom the support team at Horsch very often but if there is ever a technical issue or minor problem that needs resolving, they're always very obliging and 9 times out of 10 can get us going again just over the phone without the need for a visit. HAMBLYS as a company look after us extremely well from sales to service. We've had a long established relationship with them over the years and I like dealing with local businesses as much as possible."

