

Touchscreen perfection



Paul Scally | **Contractor** | Co Westmeath



Based in the heart of Ireland just outside Killucan in County Westmeath, Scally Silage, which is owned and managed by Paul Scally, harvests 1,400ha acres of silage each year.

CLAAS grass machinery and tractors are the main stay of the business and have been so since 2004, when Paul made the step to a self-propelled harvester, buying a CLAAS JAGUAR 870 second hand from his local dealer LEINSTER FARM MACHINES.

Paul is currently on his third JAGUAR, this time a new 860 purchased in 2016 and has become a big fan of CLAAS tractors to the point where his full fleet of seven tractors is now in the distinctive CLAAS green.

The reason, he says, for his love of the CLAAS tractors is simple; he believes that they are the most comfortable tractor on the market and this along with the use of well proven components gives the green tractors the ability to fulfil his requirements and much more.

The fleet consists of 4 ARION 600 and 3 AXION 800, the latest of which is a 2018 AXION 800 fitted with Touch Screen CEBIS.

Of the silage acreage that they cover, just shy of 1,200ha is grass silage, so in order to keep the CLAAS JAGUAR 860 busy, serious mowing output is required. For this reason Paul runs two sets of mowers – a 9200C DISCO CONTOUR butterfly paired with a 3200FC DISCO PROFIL mounted on a 2016 AXION 850 and a 3200C DISCO CONTOUR paired with another 3200FC DISCO PROFIL on the new AXION 800.

Using the Touch Screen CEBIS control unit with its impressive 12 inch screen, by allowing the operator to change all the settings on the move and also to set up and operate the headland management system, Scallys have found that this new screen allows them to get the mower set up perfectly.

Once set up CEBIS has allowed the operator to increase output and do better quality work. The AXION is mainly operated by two different operators, but because the touch screen CEBIS allows them to have their personal settings saved, this minimises down time when a driver change is required.

The touch screen is set up in such a way that small changes can be made very easily, so they have found this very useful to get the optimal work rate from the tractor and implement.

A new feature of this CEBIS is the ability to edit the headland management programs on the go without the requirement to re-record the sequence. Scallys operators have found this very useful where the mowers may be entering the next cut at an angle. The speed and timing of the PTO engagement and lowering of the links arms can be adjusted very easily to insure that the mowers are on the ground and running when required.