

REPORT ON AUCTION SALE HELD AT RYE FARM, LAYER-DE-LA-HAYE, COLCHESTER, ESSEX - ON SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Stanfords were privileged to be instructed to carry out a farm sale on behalf of Rye Farm Limited, Layer-De-La-Haye, following a re-organisation of the farming business.

The sale, held on Sunday 27th September, attracted a massive crowd of people, with estimates of between 1,250 and 1,500 people on the field, with a full car park.

The sale was on behalf of the Bunting Family of Rye Farm Limited, and attracted a substantial number of included lots from local farmers.

The sale proved the benefit of having actual live sales rather than online sales, with tremendous prices being obtained throughout the day.

The sale was conducted over five hours, with the crowd staying strong throughout.

The sale included a wide range of machinery, and an extremely wide range of general farm miscellanea, with a fantastic clearance rate resulting.

The top sale price for the day was for a John Deere 6330 4WD tractor (09) off the farm, which sold for £40,000. A John Deere 6430 off a neighbouring farm sold for £37,200.

- Zetor 4WD 8540 sold for £8,000
- JD 3200 4WD sold for £6,100
- Case International 1594 sold for £5,700
- Ford 5600 2WD sold for spares, made £2,700
- Massey Ferguson 165 2WD, sold for £3,200
- Massey Ferguson 35 sold for £3,800
- Massey Ferguson tractor sold for spares at £1,950
- Ford 4000 2WD sold for £1,800
- Ford 4110 2WD sold for £3,200
- Manitou MH526 sold for £16,200
- Merlo Teleporter sold for £16,000
- Bobcat 337 Excavator sold for £7,000
- Kawasaki Mule sold for £6,200
- Iseki TS1910 front end loader sold for £2,600
- Kubota B1610 compact tractor sold for £4,700
- Loadmaster low level trailer sold for £8,900
- Twin axle livestock trailer sold for £6,500
- Ifor Williams tri-axle livestock trailer sold for £3,800
- AS Marsden bale trailer sold for £4,350
- 1997 Bateson twin-axle livestock trailer sold for £5,100

- Gooch twin-axle grain trailer sold for £2,000
- Various single axle traditional farm trailers sold for £800, £750, £700 etc.
- John Deere 590 round baler sold for £1,200
- Major 1200 roller mower sold for £3,600
- Spearhead XL 323 flail hedge cutter sold for £3,000
- 2012 Major rotor spreader sold for £3,550
- Howard Norstein combination drill sold for £3,700
- 2020 NH hay rake sold for £2,300
- Swipe rotor flail mower sold for £1,000
- Kuhn 4121 rake sold for £2,000
- Sutton yard brush sold for £1,400
- JD 455 ride on mower sold for £900
- STIGH combi 90 ride on mower sold for £400
- Husqvarna ride on mower sold for £475
- Fleming pasture topper sold for £850
- Other pasture toppers sold for £650, £600 etc.
- Amazone crop sprayer sold for £650
- Chain harrows sold for £300
- General items including New Holland front weights sold for £500
- Cambridge rolls sold for £425
- Howard rotavator sold for £500
- Evans grain bucket sold for £800
- Sutton muck grab sold for £850
- Golf buggy sold for £1,000

A large collection of cattle and sheep equipment saw good sale prices, with 15 cattle rails selling for £1,900, Loden cattle crush selling for £1,000, various water troughs and feed troughs reaching £400, £350 etc. Bale spreaders saw prices of £900, ring feeders reached £300 to £100 depending on condition. General items included a butcher's hand cart for £600, general horse cart for £325, butchers blocks to £420, £260 etc., two rolls of barbed wire to £45, a stone trough for £510, and a post hole borer reaching £500.

A tremendous day, with many comments from traders, farmers and the public saying this was the biggest turnout they had ever seen at a farm sale, and a real positive move for live auctions.