

A Man for all Seasons!



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The whole team:
Graham, John, Alwin, Clive and Charlie



Charlie Young has been cutting grass and silage since he was a lad working on his father's farm in

Castlederg. Then, it was a little MF135 with a mowing bar. His own first tractor was another Massey, this time a 165 plus a square baler. Today in 2012, Charlie and his sons trade as W. C. Young and Sons Ltd. and operate a wide range of equipment.

They bought their first Strautman GV 3201 with the CFS system just after the Farm Machinery Show in 2011. “We picked up around 1000 acres in 2011, with no problems at all”. “We normally run a Claas Self Propelled machine and have a Butterfly Mower of nine metres plus two Taarup TA4332 mowers each with a front mower giving us over six meters. This combination allows us to wilt when we can, weather permitting, or cut direct and pick up immediately. That's the way it's been most of this year”.

The wagon has really come into its own in 2012. The ground conditions have been so soft that the Self Propelled plus trailers were cutting up the fields. “We brought the wagon in where we could and here the wide tyres really came into their own. Maize in this area has all but stopped following a few poor years. Some of the growers have tried whole crop, but most agree that a good grass crop is probably the best in the long run.” “We will more than likely buy a second wagon for next season”.

When the weather did improve we could move the whole fleet to different farms and keep as many as four farmers going at the same time with both systems.

“We are at about the same stage of harvesting in July as we were in 2011” says Charlie, but the crops this year are much wetter going in.

In addition to the contracting business the Young's run a nice dairy farm.

The tractor fleet in 2012 is all Massey Ferguson. We run an MF8490 on the Butterfly mower-she gives us 315 HP, ample for this machine even on hilly ground. All the other tractors can be fitted to any machine, although the 170 H.P. 6490 is most often on the Strautman.

On an average day this year we pick up around 40 acres with the wagon, and if we have an exceptionally long draw, we use the S.P.

Even with the difficult weather conditions, our best day in 2012 was 59 acres with the Giga Vitesse 3201.

It was simply too wet for cutting on the day I called but the machines were being washed and checked for grease and any signs of damage. “It's vital” says Charlie “that you look after your machines, far easier to spend half an hour checking, than being broken down in the field”

The whole family John, Graham, Clive and Alwin all contribute to the work load. Young's also employ three men, with an occasional extra one or two at busy times.

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