

FR9080 impresses experienced Tipperary contractor

Dennis O'Brien has been a contractor for thirty years in the midlands of Ireland, in north Tipperary. The land he works is mainly flat grassland and is mostly used for dairy and livestock.

"We've been contractors all our lives. We make our living from our machines so we want them to work well and we need to be able to rely on them. We don't want big bills and unexpected expenses. That's why we've always been with New Holland. They've worked well for us."

In June this year, Dennis took delivery of his New Holland FR9080 Forage Harvester in time for the harvest. He's been using it to cut grass silage and maize. Despite the bad weather, he says the FR9080 has coped well.

"This is a good area to work as a contractor: We usually have very little difficulty from the poor weather because the ground doesn't usually get too wet - although this year has been harder.

At the moment the harvest is going OK so I can't complain! We had 1000 acres of maize to cut this season and we've only 60 left to do, despite the rain. This machine has been good on the softer ground. It's well balanced even in these poorer conditions. I've found it very operator friendly – easy to use and maintain."

"Obviously the output is the main thing and I've found this machine to be a lot more efficient. It's a short season for us so we need a machine with a big output. But just as importantly, we can't afford to waste time with repairs and breakdowns, or spend lots of time and money maintaining the machines – which is why we are with New Holland – I have to say, they have looked after us. So far, my FR 9080 has been very reliable and very low maintenance. I can't tell a lie - it is good!"