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Biggest working demo of new generation McCormick tractors at Welsh grass event

Note to Editors: The Royal Welsh Grassland Event has become a regular and keenly anticipated bi-annual feature for farmers and contractors to discover the latest technology for efficient harvesting of grass for livestock. Previous events have been held in Breconshire and Radnorshire. There will be over 75 acres of demonstration plots featuring different grass leys and grass management techniques, forage trial plots and working demonstrations of new machinery. www.royalwelshgrasslandevent.com

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The biggest working demonstration of new 'X' generation McCormick tractors will be held at the Grassland Event being staged by the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society on 9 June 2016 at the Rhug Estate, Corwen.

North and mid-Wales dealers HJR Agri, based at Oswestry, and PGF Agri at Llannerch-y-medd, Ynys Môn (Anglesey) and Y Ffor, Pwllheli covering the Llŷn Peninsula are pulling out all the stops, working with grassland equipment supplier Lely to present a range of tractor and implement combinations.

The McCormick range has been comprehensively renewed with at least eight all-new or substantially improved tractor series over the past two years, and with more to come.

Farmers and contractors visiting the event will see two of the new McCormick X5 series tractors in action for the first time, and the X6.420 and X6.430 LS tractors will represent the new X6 mid-range series. Two examples of the X7 Pro Drive tractors from the top end of the McCormick range will also be performing with the latest Lely rakes, balers, forage wagons and other grass harvesting equipment.

The 105hp X5.40 (handling bales with a McCormick MClassic loader at the event) and 113hp X5.50 sport a new cab design giving improved all-round visibility, greater interior room and a more convenient control layout.

An updated hydraulics system has 21% more oil flow – up from 52-litre/min to 63-litre/min, with a 30-litre/min pump dedicated to steering – and a near-18% increase in fuel tank capacity gives more working time between fill-ups for increased productivity.

Two specification levels are available with the McCormick X6 series tractors to suit different applications and preferences.

The standard 114/121hp X6.420 at the event has 66-litres/min gear pump hydraulics – plus 38-litres/min for steering – while the ‘LS’ version of the 121/133hp X6.430 has a more sophisticated 110-litre/min package. This load-sensing variable flow system minimises wasted energy when there is little or no demand for oil.

Base specification includes items that are often optional on other makes, such as a telescopic pick-up hitch, swivelling front mudguards, telescopic exterior mirrors and remote pto switches on the rear mudguards.

Also standard across the range – which includes a third model, the 130/140hp X6.440 – are air conditioning, rear wash/wipe, radio and mp3 player, roof beacon and Deluxe air driver’s seat. The front drive axle incorporates disc brakes to give true four-wheel braking performance.

The two McCormick X7 Pro Drive tractors illustrate the six-cylinder power available in the range: the X7.660 Pro Drive is the smaller of the two, with 165hp for draft work and up to 175hp for pto-driven implements and transport work.

A heavier-duty version of the Pro Drive 40x40 creep transmission is installed in the 177/192hp X7.670 Pro Drive, giving the tractor a longer wheelbase and larger diameter 42in rear and 30in front tyres for added traction.

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McCormick X5.50 tractor



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New McCormick X5 series tractors will be among the machines in action at the RWAS Grassland Event.

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