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## Brian Knight

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Brian Knight formed Knight Farm Machinery Ltd in 1985 and with his vast depth of knowledge, practical engineering skills, coupled with boundless enthusiasm, saw the company quickly gain a reputation for producing high quality, high tech and precision built equipment. The expansion has reached a point where the company now employs 35 people.

Probably the company is best known for being one of the leaders in very high tech self-propelled sprayers, for which they hold various patents which include their plumbing systems and boom design. The latter patent had licensed booms being manufactured and fitted to John Deere self-propelled sprayers in the USA in the 1990s. However, the company is also well known for producing a range of cultivating machinery and air field de-icing equipment.

Over the years, Knight Farm Machinery Ltd has gained many awards including: 1998 RASE Gold Medal for laser agitation, 1999 RASE Gold Medal for their triple press cultivator, 2002 the Roland Burke Trophy and in 2006 the RASE Silver Medal for their 1830 self-propelled sprayer.

2017 saw Brian awarded the Agric Machinery Trade Excellence Award in recognition of his unique contribution to the design and development of sprayers.

Knight Farm Machinery is now exported to many countries around the world including Japan, New Zealand, Israel and Denmark.

Brian’s achievements and on-going developments certainly qualify him for this award and IAgrE are delighted to recognise his achievements.