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## Award for Contribution to the Land-based Sector

## Jeff Claydon

Jeff Claydon has been farming his families land since 1970. Jeff invented the ‘Yield-O-Meter’ in 1980, he wanted a grain monitoring device that could be fitted to any combine that would provide the farmer with accurate information. It was a hugely successful invention, fitted many, mostly CLAAS combines, and earned a Royal Agricultural Society of England Silver Medal in 1995.

In 2003 the V drill was launched. This was an invention borne of the need to reduce input costs. The V drill was followed by the SR, Hybrid and Evolution Drills along with stubble management machinery and rolls to complete the crop establishment arsenal. Jeff was determined that his machinery would be developed on a working farm by farmers for farmers.

The Claydon business has been hugely successful and are market leaders in direct minimum tillage drilling. All manufactured in Suffolk.

In 2024 the Claydon Farm received SFI approval using Claydon drills according to SFI requirements.

Jeff is a true entrepreneur, driven by a determination and a commitment to succeed. An Agricultural Engineer with no background training, just a bright mind and diligent perseverance!