

Farmers buy better together

Today, leading farmer-owned purchasing group **Woldmarsh Producers Ltd** announce a new joint initiative with Yorkshire-based **Ridings Machinery Ring Ltd (RMR)** to offer farmers throughout the East Midlands and Yorkshire, more cost effective access to all farm inputs. With costs soaring throughout the sector, this venture offers farms cost savings through increased economies of scale.

Alan Stovin, Chairman of Woldmarsh Producers Ltd said, "The aim of both organisations is to provide cost effective inputs and expertise for farmers through long term, sustainable supply chains."

Joe Barrowman, Chairman of RMR said, "This cooperation moves us to the next level whilst retaining the close community feel of our business."

RMR members will also gain access to better mobile phone, bottled gas and animal feed deals.

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Notes to editors

Woldmarsh Producers Ltd

Woldmarsh Producers is one of the UK's leading farmer owned purchasing groups. It works on behalf of its members to procure goods and services at preferential prices ensuring all benefits Woldmarsh negotiate are passed directly back to its members. Established nearly 50 years ago by a group of farmers based around Louth, membership has since grown by the addition of new members in Lincolnshire and surrounding counties.

Today, Woldmarsh Producers Ltd remains privately owned by its farmer members, employing a specialist buying team which had an annual turnover in excess of £80 Million. Woldmarsh has more than 750 members, farming over 650,000 acres and now stretches from North Yorkshire to South Lincolnshire, Midlands and The Isle of Man.

Ridings Machinery Ring Ltd

Ridings Machinery Ring (RMR) was formed in 1992 by a group of farmers and contractors as an independent, farmer owned co-operative for the agricultural industry in Yorkshire. The main aim of the group being to rationalise member's labour and machinery resources in order to improve the viability of their businesses whilst retaining flexibility and control.