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### **SILVERWOODS TO AUCTION WHITTINGHAM COLLECTION**

#### **Rare Vintage Tractors under the Hammer**

Attracting keen interest from hundreds of enthusiasts worldwide, an exceptional collection of Vintage and Classic tractors will go under the hammer on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April at Woodacre Lodge Farm, Scorton, nr. Preston (the site of the popular Scorton Vintage Rally). The Whittingham Collection, sourced by Paul Whittingham, includes a number of very rare machines such as a limited edition McCormick Farmall gold painted tractor built in 1953 to celebrate the Queen's coronation and believed to be one of only 31 ever produced.

Unusual Massey Ferguson tractors on offer include a one-off prototype with a reverse drive engine, a rare example of the most powerful 2 wheel-drive tractors ever built by the company – the 2805 Prairie tractor – and a 1976 Multipower 4WD tractor with a flexi-cab and TB Turbo. One of the highlights of the sale is expected to be a JJ Thomas Ninety Five 100 Ford 5000 that was converted by this Midlands tractor entrepreneur to a 6 cylinder version, described as 'a must for the serious collector'. There are a number of tractors suitable for restoration in the sale, including a 1947 Ferguson Continental that has been stored in a barn for the last 25 years.

Adds Silverwoods auctioneer, Wilf Mould: "Typically, Vintage and Classic tractors can fetch between £1,000 and £15,000 at auction. The last time we held a sale of this quality, we had more than 600 registered buyers from all over Europe and beyond, so we are expecting that bidding will be very competitive".

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Unusual machines include a fully restored David Brown Douglas ex-Military 'Tugmaster' complete with its cab, and an ex-British Aerospace David Brown Douglas 'Taskmaster'. Also on sale on the day will be a wide range of modern tractors, spare parts, associated machinery, modern tractors, die cast models, manuals and vintage machinery collectables.

Silverwoods of Lancashire, Ribblesdale Centre, Lincoln Way, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 1QD. [www.silverwoods.co.uk](http://www.silverwoods.co.uk). To view the vintage tractors and an up to date advert, visit: [http://www.silverwoods.co.uk/rural\\_bygones\\_sales.html](http://www.silverwoods.co.uk/rural_bygones_sales.html).

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(Pic. attached is the 1953 McCormick Farmall Super BMD Coronation gold tractor).  
Other images available on request.