

# Slashing the cost of crop establishment

Claydon Drills will highlight the economic, practical and ecological benefits of its patented Strip Seeding System at Agri-Expo 2015.

While the prices that farmers receive for their combinable crops have fallen dramatically production costs continue to

rise, placing profit margins under severe pressure. At current prices many farmers who cling to traditional establishment methods are making a loss, while others are generating insufficient profit to sustain their operations.

Developed by Suffolk farmer

Jeff Claydon over the last 12 years, the Claydon System is used in 26 countries across a full range of climatic conditions and soil types. Up to five times faster, one-third the cost and more reliable than a plough-based approach, the Claydon System is typically

50% cheaper than min-til. It also significantly improves timeliness, enabling crops to be established at the optimum time, under the best conditions, producing significantly higher yields and much less soil compaction.

Claydon estimate the cost of establishing 500 hectares of combinable crops using the complete Claydon System at £25,000, compared to min-til at £56,000 and £74,000 for a plough-based system. While the figures may vary according to factors such as soil type, settings and implements, farmers can work out how much they could save by changing to the Claydon System using the company's on-line cost-saving calculator at [www.claydondrills.com](http://www.claydondrills.com)

