

Case Study

COURT LODGE FARM



PROJECT
Court Lodge Farm

SIZE
2,000 acre farm

DATE
2012

BUDGET
£100k – £400k

Grain Store's Performance Outshines Weather, extracts from the South East Farmer September 2012 edition.

'Martin Boulden's new grain store at Court Lodge Farm in Kent has already allowed him to dry milling wheat and catch the early premium market.

From the beginning of August, Mr Boulden was cutting wheat at 19% moisture content and the new store was processing it at 25 tonnes an hour. "The system was easily keeping up with the combine," Mr Boulden said. "The store and dryer has allowed us to achieve a better price for our crop." By the third week in August, Mr Boulden was cutting wheat at 14% moisture content - like everyone else - and it was going through the system and into the big bulk store. "We had no difficulty in drying the crop very quickly." The farm is 2,000 acres, and the main crops are barley, wheat, oats, oilseed rape, peas and beans.

Although the farm has been hit by rain, Mr Boulden said the lack of sunshine had probably had more impact on wheat quality, and the wet weather had exaggerated disease problems...

"Everything went to plan," said Mr Boulden. "Their attention to detail and the construction of the building was outstanding." Scorpion also dealt with the planning for the store in conjunction with Simon Kenny of Rural partners based in Northumberland. "When I first spoke to Scorpion's representative for the South East, he said that he and his associate, planning specialist Simon Kenny of Rural Partners Ltd would handle the planning," Mr Boulden remembered.'

The photographs illustrate the high quality Scorpion Grain Store constructed using 'sensitive' materials in order to appease delicate planning issues within close proximity to a village church.

