Farmer's one of first to use AI driverless tractors

A farmer has become one of the first in the UK to use driverless tractors.

Will Mumford, an arable farmer in St Neots, Cambridgeshire, has used an autonomous vehicle to cultivate soil and another to plant seeds.

He said the robots were the future of farming as they could operate for up to 30 hours at a time and cause less damage to the land.

However, it is believed they would have to reduce in price before conventional machinery was replaced en masse. The National Farmers' Union said it welcomed the technological advancement but that affordability was important.

Autonomous tractors currently cost between £180,000 and £320,000.

