

Header Turns Forage Harvester Into "Tree Combine"

You can harvest willow trees using a conventional forage harvester with this new hydraulically-driven willow header from a British company.

The CRL header fits a wide range of forage harvesters, with little modification required. It's designed for 500 to 600 hp forage harvesters. CRL is working with Deere to further develop the tree harvesting system. In 2010, they expect modifications will make the header also capable of harvesting poplar.

The company has fitted heads to Claas harvesters in the UK, and to a New Holland unit at State University of New York (SUNY) in Syracuse.

Produced by Coppice Resources Ltd., the new model can harvest up to 150 tons per day of chipped wood. Company representative Mark Paulson says the trees are best cut when they're about 4 in. in dia. and 4-in. stumps are left on the ground.

The price for the header, including full fitting, is around \$158,798 U.S. (£97,500), plus cost of importation from the UK.

The company has had tremendous interest in the header from around the world.

It's available for sale through Deere dealers who are supported by the CRL team's know-how and experience.

To see a video of the unit at work, search "SRC willow harvester" at YouTube.

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Tewco, Inc., can supply just about any kind of control cable you might need.

Need A Control Cable? Tewco Can Make It

Need a control cable replaced? Just call Chad Salter, Tewco, Inc. He has no doubt he can assemble about anything you might need. The Tuhill Midwest linkage distributor and factory authorized cable assembler has a \$100,000 parts inventory to back it up. Tewco custom builds push-pull, spool valve, brake, clutch, throttle, modulator, shifter and even Unidrum lever cable assemblies. Even better, he can have any cable to you in 24 hours or less.

"If you're close enough to bring the old cable in, we'll make it while you wait," promises Salter. "If not, we'll make it and send it out the same day we get it in."

He knows that when a machine breaks down it's usually when it's most needed. He recalls one guy walking in and saying he needed a cable for a machine that was costing him \$10,000 a day. Salter says the guy got his cable and his machine up and running.

The company can custom make cables for obsolete controls, as well as for prototypes or even production orders. As a third generation cable man, if Salter hasn't seen a job before, his father or grandfather probably did.

One of the most unique jobs the company has worked on was for two very rare Tucker automobiles. "The customer had worked for the company and bought two nearly completed cars off the assembly line when the plant closed," recalls Salter. "He asked for a special black sheath on the cable before the end caps were put on, so it would look like the OEM version."

Other cables made by the company may not be nearly as exotic, but they get the job done. Tewco makes replacements for all the cables on Belarus tractors that are imported into the U.S. Like rubber parts, controls

and cables all have to be replaced before the tractors can be sold.

Cables made to release cattle head gates have to have a special coating to protect them from corrosion. The coating increases longevity of the cables by a factor of four.

"We have farmers who find out about us and order 10 cables for themselves and their neighbors," says Salter. "Of course we sell single cables by themselves as well."

Pricing on custom cable work is based on component parts needed. There is no standard pricing sheet. Once a cable is received, the customer is called with an estimate before work begins. That includes special coatings to deal with corrosion.

"Just tell us what you are dealing with, and we'll tell you what we have to help," says Salter.

Tewco has the capability to custom assemble based on length and special characteristics or needs. The company has built parachute release cables and throttle cables for top-fuel drag cars and cables for Ferris Wheels.

"The Ferris Wheel cables stretched from the assembly plant through the warehouse," recalls Salter.

The company also maintains an inventory of other types of linkages - ball joints, clevis joints and other parts.

Tewco now stocks replated cylinders and remanufactured crankshaft assemblies for snowmobiles, ATV's, and watercraft from CVTech-AAB, Inc., a well-established Canadian company. All rebuilt engine parts meet manufacturer specifications.

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