

## Where To Get Hydraulic Parts, Repairs

If you need hydraulic components for a machine you're building, or if you just need repair parts for an existing machine, here's a company that specializes in everything hydraulic.

Cylinder Services in Rochester, N.Y., runs a booming mail order business and also handles repairs of hydraulic motors, cylinders, pumps, and other components. Their state-of-the-art shop can handle everything from the smallest 1/2-in. dia. cylinders up to huge industrial cylinders measuring 24 in. in dia.

Owned by Don Welch, Scot Anderson, and Marty Lathan, Cylinder Services has been in business since 1974. The three owners get involved in every aspect of the business, maintaining a high level of quality.

They are a stocking Master Distributor of Prince Hydraulics and carry components from many other manufacturers too. Cylinders, pumps, valves, motors - you name it, they carry it, and they'll help you choose the part you need for your application. They also stock hydraulic fittings, gauges, meters, and accessories for hydraulic systems.



**Cylinder Services, Inc., says it rebuilds everything from the smallest diameter cylinders to huge industrial cylinders measuring up to 24 in. in diameter. Their state-of-the-art shop can take on almost any hydraulic job.**

Cylinder Services' website at [www.CylinderServices.net](http://www.CylinderServices.net) has more information about the company and hundreds of hydraulic components it carries in stock. Or you can contact them at FARM SHOW

Followup, Cylinder Services, Inc., 900 Maple St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611 (ph 585-328-0670).

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## Demand Grows For Crabgrass Seed

It has been 17 years since FARM SHOW first reported on crabgrass as a forage crop (Vol. 18, No. 2). R. L. Dalrymple now produces and sells two varieties of the seed. Demand continues to grow as more people become familiar with it.

"We sell across the entire country, but the 23 to 25 most South East states are our major market," says Dalrymple, Elstel Farm & Seeds. "We have a lot of return customers, but there are still a lot of people who haven't heard of using high production crabgrass for forage."

Dalrymple's Red River Crabgrass RRCG and Quick-N-Big are different than the low growing weed you find in your lawn. The forage varieties grow 2 to 4 ft. high, spread by stolons and tillers, and produce seed for volunteer re-establishment.

It's one of the highest-quality summer grasses, stays green until frost, and can continue to be grazed after frost as a stock pile. In a two year Florida study, the RRCG averaged 15.2 percent protein and 76.8 percent digestibility. Red River Crabgrass seed sold for only \$6 to \$8 per pound in the spring of 2011; however, seed was a problem in 2012 due to the drought conditions in Oklahoma. 2012 was a much better year and seed for future seasons looks good.



**Demand continues to grow for improved crabgrass varieties as a forage crop, says R.L. Dalrymple, who sells two varieties of the seed.**

"Our crabgrass fields stayed green longer than other forages, but eventually they turned brown as well," says Dalrymple.

He notes that his fields had no measurable rain in 7 weeks in 2011 and more than 40 days with temperatures of 100°F or more. The weather bureau reports the area has had the least rain in 115 years.

"It is mind boggling to me, even though I have worked with crab grasses since 1972," says Dalrymple. "The Quick-N-Big still grew knee high and was enough to swath for some seed and bale for hay."

In a good year, he says, the crop can yield up to 6 tons of dry matter per acre under intensive management. More usual

returns are closer to two to three tons of dry matter per acre in a pure stand, which is a lot of high quality grass.

"It can be seeded to a pure stand at a rate of 3 to 6 lbs./acre or used in a mix of summer forages," he says. "It can also be double cropped with winter legumes and annual grasses."

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