



Above, a tree in Cody Peters' yard in Kerkhoven simply snapped off, and on to his back porch.

Below top, Roger and Mary Jeseritz lost a couple of large ash trees, long enough to about touch a neighbor's house across the street.

Below bottom, Jesse Olson lost his seed shed on his farm north of Murdock.

Much other damage was reported, including a large loss at Dublin Dairy which necessitated moving a lot of cows to another milking facility.

Hundreds of utility poles were either broken off or laid down like these, north of Murdock.

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where one Lake Lillian man was killed by a grain bin that blew over onto a car, said the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office.

In Pennock there were railway complications: four rail cars derailed during Thursday's storm.

A derecho can be described as a large cluster of thunderstorms most commonly occurring in late spring or summer. Otherwise, they are sometimes referred to as inland hurricanes, typically forming between May and July. The persistent gusts Thursday can be classified as hurricane-force.

Strandberg Insurance received a phone call from a customer south of Benson, the next morning their house had been totaled, rendered roofless, while the combine and tractors were also found to be beyond repair, in a stampede of devastation.

The individuals later described what remained: the Quonset building. The grain bins were rolled up in the fields so they resembled taco shells, in their description.

Though displacement is uncommon, Strandberg said some in the area will have to rebuild or move from houses that were totaled in the severe weather.

"It's a going to be a lot of roofing, a lot of siding, but a few people lost their homes, and we are doing our best to prioritize based on level of severity," Strandberg said.

Impacts vary. In South Dakota, wind speeds of 107 mile per hour were recorded. South Dakota is now in a state of emergency. Hundreds of farmers suffered damages--some farm sites decimated, others untouched.

One Minnesota town lost its school roof, while in the southwest Minnesota area of Buffalo Ridge, a dust storm stood like a wall.

Here, the storm front comes during a year when such structural impacts to farm implement machinery and grain bins will be especially unwelcome. Flooding from the storm surge will further stymie planting plans following a belated spring. Meanwhile, planting deadlines for corn and soybeans loom.

"A few guys had equipment wrecked, maybe a main planting tractor they now have to get repaired. And that's going to be the problem. We know how expensive parts and repairs are now," Strandberg said.

The assessment of damages and clean-up continue.



Winds were high enough to tip several rail cars off the tracks just east of Pennock. A crew and heavy equipment worked Friday morning to right the cars, while other trains were parked on sidings waiting for the tracks to clear.



A large tree crashed into the front porch of this DeGraff house.

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