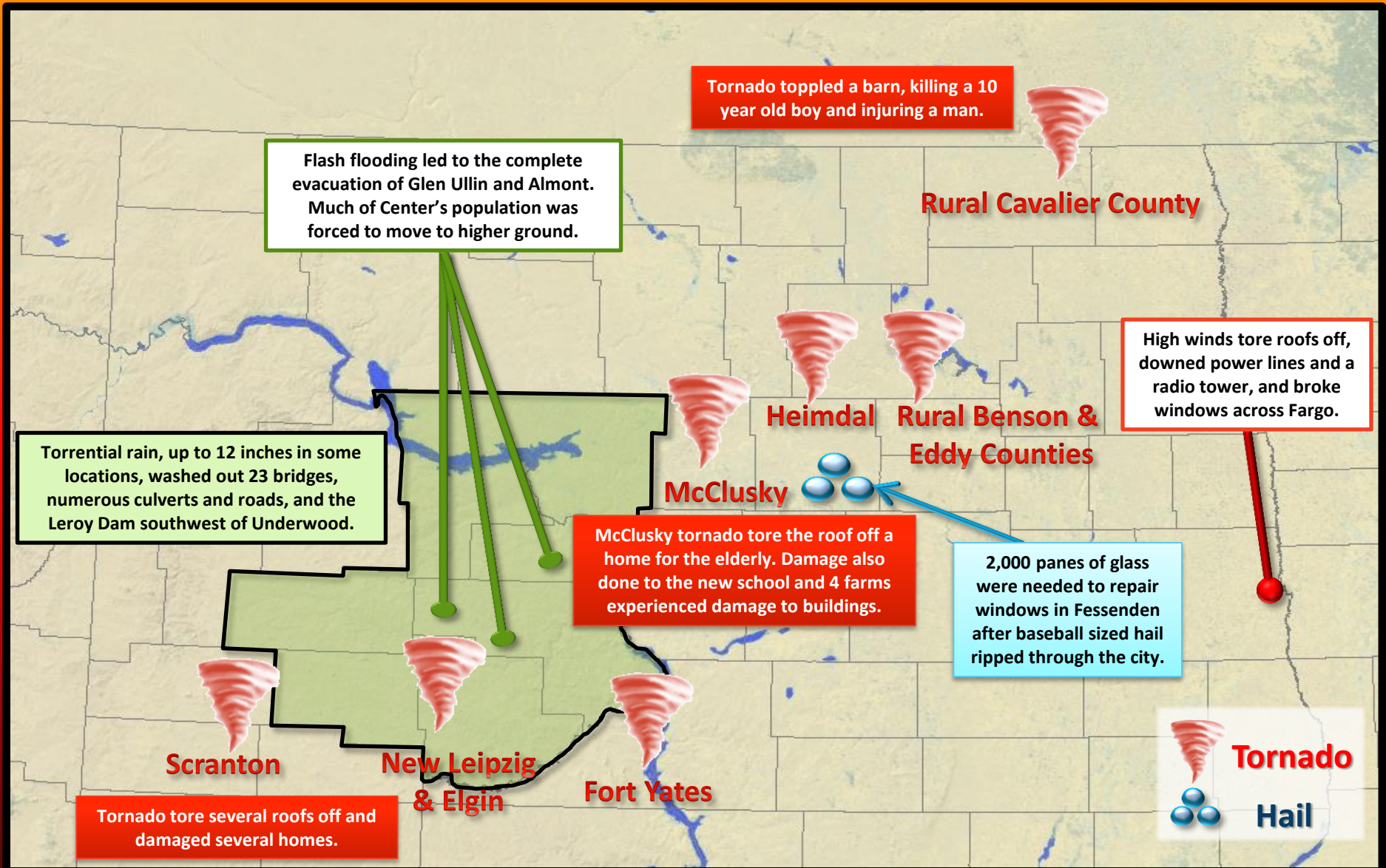


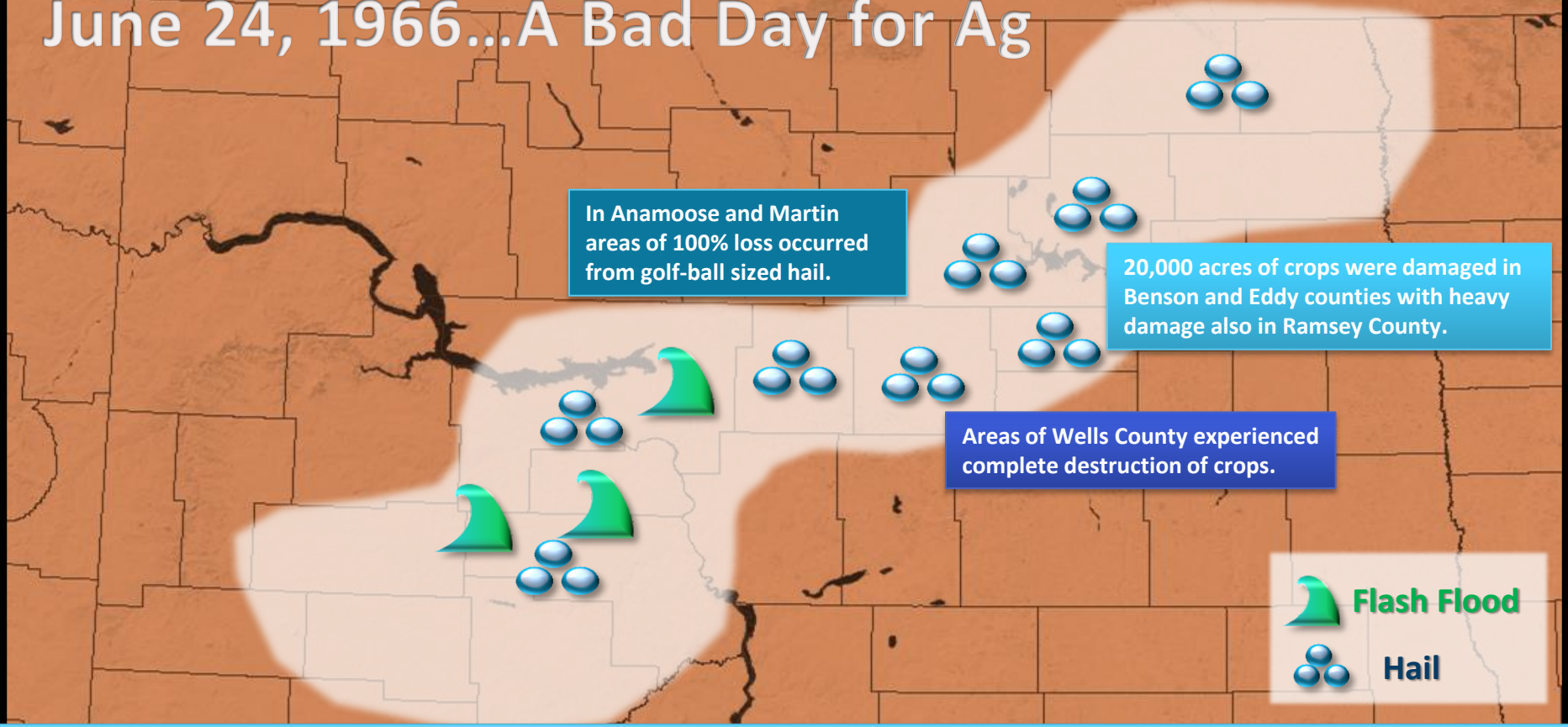
June 24, 1966

An Outbreak to Remember



The Great White Combine

June 24, 1966...A Bad Day for Ag



Damages across McLean County may have been the worst in the state, with early estimates exceeding \$1,000,000 (1966 dollars). West and southwest of Underwood was hit the hardest by a combination of high winds, large hail, and torrential rains. Crop loss was widespread and the McLean County Sheriff reported 'the crop was pelted to the ground so that it stood no higher than cleanly-mowed grass.'

Flash flooding and lightning took a toll on livestock with losses reported in McLean and other central and southwestern counties. Flash flooding was so intense that several feet of mud washed over hundreds of acres of farmland. – *Courtesy of the McLean County Independent*

PLACE	DATE	TIME - LOCAL STANDARD	LENGTH OF PATH (MILES)	WIDTH OF PATH (YARDS)	NO. OF PERSONS		ESTIMATED DAMAGE		CHARACTER OF STORM
					KILLED	INURED	PROPERTY	CROPS	
Walsh, Ramsey, Benson Cavalier and Pembina Counties	24	evening			1	1	4	5	Tornado, hail, and high winds In northeastern Cavalier County a tornado toppled a barn in which five persons had taken refuge. One of them, a 10-year old boy, was killed when the barn collapsed. One man was injured. High winds damaged property in Milton, Crystal and to a lesser extent in Grafton, where 1.67 inches rain was reported. Some crops received hail damage, which was particularly heavy in Ramsey County and in Benson County. Householders reported some hail damage to houses and outbuildings.
Stark, Hettinger, Morton, Grant, Oliver Mercer and McLean Counties	24	noon to midafternoon					6		Heavy rain, heavy hail and wind, lightning Torrential rain, accompanied at times by heavy hail and high winds swept a large area in west-central North Dakota. Bucket surveys established a central area where 12 inches of rain fell during the storm, much of it during the first 3 hours. Severe flash flooding caused much damage to roads, farm buildings, homes, bridges, and culverts. Twenty-three bridges were washed out. Hundreds of acres of farmland were covered with several feet of mud. The entire towns of Glen Ullis and Almont were evacuated. Much of Center's population fled to higher ground. Livestock losses were heavy. Some livestock were killed or injured by lightning.
Scranton	24	Noon					4		Tornado, hail Several roofs were torn off other minor damage to homes.
Benson & Eddy Counties	24	afternoon 10	*18		3		5		Tornado, hail, high winds Buildings on 11 farms were damaged or destroyed, 20,000 acres of crops were damaged by marble-sized hail. One hundred to 150 homes were damaged to some extent by wind and hail. A 20-mile strip the length of the county was hit by hail.
McClusky	24	afternoon					5		Tornado, hail Roof torn off of home for the aged, new elementary school damaged. Farmhouses and outbuildings on 4 farms were damaged. Many store windows were blown out and nearly every house suffered broken windows. Dozens of large trees were uprooted or broken. Hail, golf-ball size, ripped into roofs and pitted siding on many homes. Cars were badly dented by the hail stones. In the Anamoose and Martin areas 100% hail damage to crops occurred.
Grand County	24	afternoon					4		Tornado, lightning Farm buildings south and southwest of New Leipzig were damaged. Lightning damaged high school in Elgin. Tornado touched down again, after passing over Elgin, 6 miles northeast of town where most farm buildings were destroyed on one farm.
Wells County	24	afternoon				3	4		Tornado, hail, wind Two sheds, a granary and a barn were destroyed near Heindal and other buildings damaged and moved. Nearly every building in Fessenden suffered damage from hail reported up to the size of baseballs. Two thousand panes of glass were needed to repair broken windows. Crops suffered from little to complete destruction.
Fort Yates	24	4:30 pm							Tornado Tornado 10-15 miles north of Fort Yates touched down twice.
Cass County	24	evening							High winds, rain At 8:35 p.m. heavy winds and rain swept through Fargo causing considerable damage. Many windows in business buildings were broken and utility and power lines were downed. Several roofs were lost on the city's north side. A radio tower was toppled. Police and firemen were swamped with calls.
Fargo	24	8:40 pm							Funnel Cloud Public sighted funnel cloud during heavy thunderstorm.
Richland County	24	8:18 pm							Funnel Cloud Funnel cloud was sighted 5 miles northwest of Hankinson.

Storm Data reported by the National Weather Service from the June 24, 1966 severe weather outbreak

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