

Several Tornadoes Strike Watonwan County August 1st, 2006

Tornado Information

Tornado #1: Cottonwood County, rated F0. This was on the ground for only one-half mile at around 6:54 PM. As it moved through corn fields, its maximum width was 20 yards.

Tornado #2: Watonwan County, rated F3. It was on the ground for 1.5 miles and moved from 5.5 miles southwest of Butterfield to 5 miles south-southwest of Butterfield. The tornado demolished one farmstead but 3 men in the basement were uninjured. It was on the ground from 7:14 PM to 7:19 PM, and reached a maximum width of one-quarter mile. The tornado moved northeast for over a mile, then hooked toward the north as it roped out.

Tornado #3: Watonwan County, rated F1. This tornado was on the ground for 3 miles, from 4 miles south-southwest of St James to 4 miles south of St James. It crossed corn and bean fields before hitting a farmstead and destroying a camper trailer, sheds and out-buildings. Two people in the camper trailer heard the warning and made it to a basement just before the tornado struck. It touched down from 7:33 PM to 7:42 PM, and reached a maximum width of 100 yards. It moved straight east for most of its journey but took a turn toward the southeast as it was nearing dissipation.

Tornado #4: Watonwan County, rated F1. This tornado was on the ground for 1 mile, from 4 miles south of St James to 3.5 miles south-southeast of St James. It moved northeast across some fields then hit a farmstead where people were sheltered in a basement. From there, the tornado moved toward the east and then took a sharp north turn as it roped out. It was on the ground from 7:44 PM to 7:47 PM and had a maximum width of 50 yards.



The remains of a home 5 miles SW of Butterfield. The damage to the home rated an F3 on the Fujita scale.

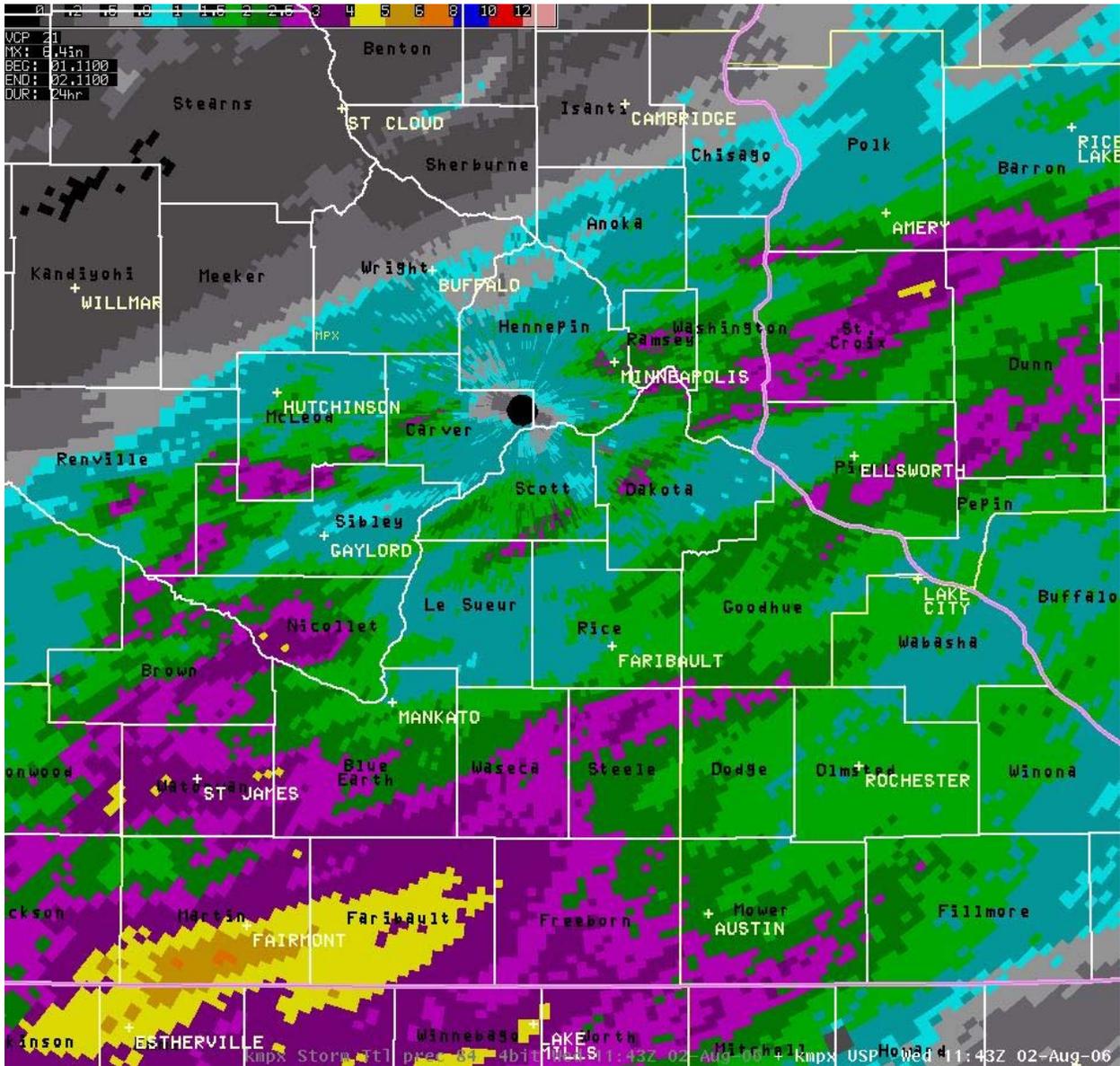


A damaged grain bin and other tornado debris on a farmstead 5 miles SW of Butterfield.



Damaged grain bins and the remains of a travel trailer 4 miles S of St. James. The damage on this farmstead rated an F1 on the Fujita scale.

Rainfall Amounts



The rainfall totals to the left are from the KMPX Doppler Radar and during the time range of 7 am on August 1st to 7 am on August 2nd. Click on image for full resolution graphic.