HAIL

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around 30 minutes. "It was like it was never going to stop," he said.

The gutters on the Krien house are full of holes, six windows were knocked out and the flowers are in bad shape. A field of feed received damage but Mr. Krien said it would come out of it and be OK.

Dale and Deb Patton live west of the Kriens. They missed the first hail storm on June 7 but, Friday, all of the windows on the east side of their house were knocked out and the tin on buildings had big dents. Their pickup and Blazer had the windshields knocked out. Mr. Patton was trying to put the Blazer in out of the hail but couldn't get it in soon enough. The Blazer also had a side window knocked

The tennis-ball-sized hail left some nasty welts on the cattle but they survived. The trees were stripped, the evergreens were in poor shape and some were topped out, and the rose bushes were beat up.

They had three rain gauges but all three were broken in the storm so they had no idea how much rain they had. Ron and Marsha Zimbelman,

who live west of St. Francis,

had tennis-ball-sized hail. Their son, Clay, said windows on the east side of the house and buildings were broken, the tin which, Clay said, was the older, better tin, was curled and beaten up. One vehicle had a broken windshield and there was a huge hold in the roof of the fifth wheel.

Keith and Margie Peter live south of U.S. 36, on Road 10, west of St. Francis. Mrs. Peter said neither of them were home at the time of the storm but, when they arrived after work, there was still hail laying on the ground and many were the size of golf balls. The hail had put holes in their gutters and hit the garden pretty good but she said much of it will come back.

Just east of them is the home of Eddie and Julie Brunk. Mrs. Peter said the home's bay window was knocked out.

The hail seemed to hit and miss fields and farmsteads. Pete Kinen, who lives northwest of town, had no damage this time but his neighbors did. A couple miles east of town, there was rain but very little hail.

The National Weather Service is predicting a slight chance of storms over the next week. But, each day, there seems to be changes so be sure and check the weather.



LOTS OF DAMAGE — The pickup at the Kaup farm was damaged considerably by the hail storm that hit Friday.

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their corn crop, as well as seeing damage to their vehicles and buildings.

Stacy Kaup, who lives 7 miles north of St. Francis with her husband, Drew, and two sons, was one of those caught in the storm.

She and sons, Brody, 6, and Brayden, 4, were home when the storm hit. Mrs. Kaup could see that there was going to be hail and, barefooted, she hurried to put her pickup in one of the shops. She barely made it before it began to pour. The yard was a pond and she could see the electric lights wildly swinging. If the lines were to break and fall in the water, she would not be able to get back to the house so she made a dash to the house. However, Brody, had become scared and locked the door, taking his brother to the basement.

"I stood wedged between the door and the storm door," she said. The hail was the size of baseballs and the fury of the wind was

frightening.

When the storm was over, there was damage everywhere. She looked above the door where she had hovered and the gutters were shattered. Her husband's pickup had holes in the windshield, the covering on one of the mirrors was hanging, there were dents everywhere and the fishing tackle box in the back had a huge hole in it.

Worse yet were the chickens. She found over 35 dead chickens after the storm and she was still finding more on Monday. The Kaups sell organically-raised chickens and this was a big loss.

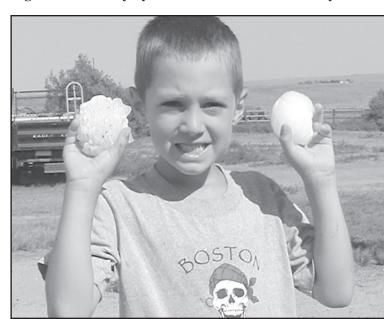
There were two horses hit by the hail. One was a 26-year-old pony and the other was an equally-old quarterhorse. The pony was hit in the head by a hailstone, knocking him out. When he got up, it was bleeding and the veterinarian had to sew up the gash. The other horse has a huge bruise under it's eye where it was hit by the hail.

The Kaups moved onto the farm in the spring after nearly being washed away while living on the Hackberry, north of town. They were hailed on in the June 7 storm and they lost their wheat

"It's really discouraging," Mrs. Kaup said.

BASEBALL-SIZED hail stones were gathered up and put in the freezer. Brody Kaup holds up two of them. Right, a hail stone put a hole in the fishing tackle box which was in the back of the pickup.

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the street after the Friday storm.

BLOWN OVER — This semi truck with trailer was blown into the ditch 4.5 miles west of St. Francis on U.S. 36. The driver, who is standing to the right, talking to officers, was not injured.



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