

Video: US grain bins collapse under catastrophic Iowa floods



Flood waters coming from rain and melting snow are causing havoc in some US states and have resulted in an estimated \$3 billion in damages so far.

According to online publication *Vox*, the floods are being caused by rain and melting snow as a result of a “bomb cyclone”. Mid-western states that are affected include: Iowa; Illinois; Missouri; Kansas; South Dakota; Minnesota; and Nebraska.

The video below, which was posted to *Facebook* by Iowa resident Gracie Newman, shows just a fraction of the losses that have been incurred as a result of the flooding.

As can be seen from the video, at this location alone, at least five bins have burst, destroying thousands of tonnes of grain.

Rising water levels have breached levees along the Missouri River and forced several towns to evacuate.

It was also reported that in the state of Nebraska (west of Iowa) the flooding has already caused more than \$1 billion in damages, with more than 2,000 homes and 340 businesses lost.

Missouri Bin Collapse

In a separate incident, a grain bin which was reportedly holding 21,591t - or 850,000 bushels - of corn collapsed in the state of Missouri, in the early hours of Monday, March 11.

The grain was washed onto a nearby road and also blocked a railway line once its container's walls split. No one was injured in the incident, which happened at a Bunge plant in LaGrange, Missouri.

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