

Worst hit of the farmers was Donald Lytle who owns a 100 acre farm besides renting more acreage from his father nearby.

Mr. Lytle figured on Monday that only four or five acres of the 50 acres which had he had sowed last spring are recoverable.

The rest is almost flattened and some is broken.

Mr. Lytle said it is at least a \$5,000 loss. Considering depreciation on the machinery, labour, spraying, and sowing, \$100 an acre becomes a conservative cost.

His buckwheat was also knocked down by the heavy rain combined with a strong wind which struck the area about 6:00 p.m. last Sunday. However, the buckwheat should stand up enough to allow for harvesting.

The corn stalks heavily lain with ripening corn will not return to their former position.

The field would have been ready for harvest in three weeks. The corn was about 10 feet tall and one of the best crops in the area.

Mr. Lytle cannot cut the trampled fields because the southwest wind blew the stalks across the rows.

He is thinking of letting his close to 90 head of cattle into his corn field to eat the leaves. He would then plow the rest under in the spring.

The blow is doubly hard for Mr. Lytle because he will now have to buy feed for the winter. This summer local corn is scarce for selling so he will have to buy grain.

Mr. Lytle said that it will take him at least five years to regain his position due to this storm. He already has payments on the farm and his equipment to take up his capital.

He did not have any crop insurance to cover the losses. However, he intends to see Carleton County agricultural representative Don Black to see if he can receive some aid.

But the Department of Agriculture claims that it is now up to the individual farmer to

the government always had a little money to help out in such a situation, now the new crop insurance plan is the outlet for this money.

Both the federal and provincial governments subsidize the crop insurance process. However, the farmer must still pay a premium.

Such insurance guarantees the farmers so many tons of a crop, so he does not have to worry about such things as hail, wind, insects or drought.

The only thing which the crop insurance does not cover is crop losses due to bad farming practices.

Ewart Miller's farm on the third line was also hit by the storm but his losses will be covered under crop insurance.

His 90 acres of corn are sporadically knocked down but he admitted on Monday that he will not know how much he will lose until he begins to cut it in September.

Mr. Miller's 54 acres of grain were also bent but he expects no trouble in harvesting it.

He pointed out that he had planted his corn 35 inches apart whereas Mr. Lytle had planted his only 28 inches apart. The closer rows might have meant that Mr. Lytle's fell like a house of playing cards when the first row was struck by the wind and rain.

However, this was not the most important reason for Donald Clarke on the Galetta side-road had 7 or 8 acres completely flattened and he had planted his 35 inches apart.

Mr. Clarke can perhaps save his downed corn since it did not fall over the rows. However, he will have to cut it one way which will take twice as long.

Major Robby Robson had about 18 acres of his 80 acres of silage corn flattened. He too will not know until cutting time just how much damage has really been done.

Major Robson, who has farmed on the third line for two years, is in a less vulnerable position than Mr. Lytle since he only keeps cattle through



FITZROY TOWNSHIP FARMER DONALD LYTLE STANDS IN HIS THIRD LINE CORN FIELD examining the few stalks which are still standing after a sudden storm last Sunday evening bowled over most of his 50 acres of corn.

the winter, buying them in the fall and selling them in the spring.

Thus any silage loss will only be reflected in the purchase of slightly fewer cows this fall.

Mr. Miller had two Manitoba maple trees pulled out by the roots on a section of his farm. He also had a wagon backed up a considerable distance by the force of the wind.

Clarence Sample, who runs the store at the corner of Highway 17 and the Galetta side-road, suffered some damage to his car when a branch fell on its roof.

The farms of several other farmers were hit by the storm, with Harold Higginson and Lucas Hordichuk sustaining some damage. However, other farms such as those of Angus Muldoon and Fred Carss received no crop damage.

The barn roof at the farm where Harry Toop lives was partially blown away by the storm.