

Fiji cyclone losses into millions

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Damage in Fiji's Eastern Division - where authorities say losses from Cyclone Mick were most extensive - has been initially estimated at \$US3.6 million.

The National Disaster Management Office says the Western Division is next in the damage toll, with an estimate of \$2 million.

There were 23 primary schools damaged in the Western Division and 16 in the central division.

The Fiji Times reports six secondary schools were also damaged.

The cyclone killed four people in Fiji.

Dairying hit

A New Zealand-owned dairy farm in Fiji says it expects losses of around a million Fijian dollars (\$US514,000) because of damage from Cyclone Mick.

Dairy Farms Fiji says losses incurred include damages to infrastructure, the loss of milk production and livestock and the loss of prawns and tilapia fish.

Managing director Dave Wilson says fencing around the property was also destroyed by floodwaters and strong winds.