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This is a summary of a narrative provided by the FAA.

The pilot had just purchased the airplane and was flying it back to Stanton, MN (KSYN). The pilot arranged for someone else to fly the airplane, but that person cancelled so the pilot decided to fly the plane himself. The pilot had not flown in many years and did not have a current flight review. When approaching KSYN from the south, the pilot made a low pass to ensure another airplane operating on the field saw him. He then went around the traffic pattern and attempted to land on Runway 36. When the main landing gear touched down the nose of the airplane pitched up and the pilot attempted to push the nose back down. At that point the airplane was about 10-15 feet off the ground and the airplane impacted the ground collapsing the nose landing gear. The airplane came to rest about 80 feet past the point where the nose gear collapsed. Damage included, but was not limited to, collapsed nose gear, propeller, engine mount, both wings and fuselage. The pilot said there was nothing wrong with the airplane and that his approach was too fast. The pilot was unfamiliar with the airplane and the accident sequence was his first landing in it.