



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 8/1/2018
Person Contacted: Eric Tirey (pilot)
NTSB Accident Number: GAA18CA476

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by the pilot in a telephone interview on this date:

- Pilot was conducting 3rd landing at rural airport with 5-8 mile per hour wind from the southwest
- Airplane was landing with a heading of 360°
- Upon landing, aircraft bounced and the pilot attempted recovery of the landing.
- Due to the short runway, the pilot felt rushed during landing. The runway was about 2300 ft. x 250 ft.
- After the first bounce, the aircraft veered left.
- The pilot applied right rudder to move the aircraft to the center of the airfield but the airplane was pulled into field
- The left wing became entangled in cotton plants in the adjacent field that were about 4-5 ft tall
- The airplane continued to be pulled into the cotton field and a ground loop ensued; the right wing contacted the ground and the right landing gear broke
- The impact tossed back to the left
- The aircraft came to rest several yards into the cotton field.