

## The National Transportation Safety Board

Office of Aviation Safety Central Region Memorandum for the Record Pilot Statement Summary CEN20CA311 Burlington Colorado July 27 2020

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The pilot provided the following information:

He departed KITR (Burlington Airport) about 10:45 AM, with 380 gallons of chemicals onboard. He arrived at the corn fields to apply the chemicals about 11:00 AM. He made 3-4 pass around the corn fields and tower to survey the area and made multiple passes around the tower to look for guide wires. He stated that he was not able to get an exact location on the tower's guide wires. He started spraying the fields from south to north, then west to east. After spraying about 4 passes in middle of fields and 3 passes on west end of the fields, the airplane struck a guide wire with the right wing. After hitting the wire, the pilot had trouble maintaining altitude. The airplane collided through a single set of power lines and struck ground. Once the airplane came to a stop, the pilot exited and called for help.

He reported his flight time as:

1880 - Total 636 - Make and Model 250 - Last 90 Days 75 - Last 30 Days 3 - Last 24 Hours

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