



# Aviation Investigation Final Report

<b>Location:</b>	OCONOMOWOC, Wisconsin	<b>Accident Number:</b>	CHI85LA290
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	July 15, 1985, 19:30 Local	<b>Registration:</b>	N8877F
<b>Aircraft:</b>	HUGHES 269A	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Defining Event:</b>		<b>Injuries:</b>	1 None
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 137: Agricultural		

## Analysis

THE HELICOPTER CONTACTED A CORN CROP AND CAME TO REST INVERTED DURING AN AERIAL APPLICATION FLT. THE PLT STATED, 3 PASSES WERE MADE OVER THE FLD BEING SPRAYED AND AFTER A TURN TO BEGIN THE 4TH PASS, THE HELICOPTER SETTLED WITH PWR CONTACTING THE CROP.

## Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

### Findings

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF CONTROL - IN FLIGHT  
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - AERIAL APPLICATION

#### Findings

1. (C) COLLECTIVE - EXCESSIVE - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) JUDGMENT - POOR - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) PERFORMANCE DATA - NOT UNDERSTOOD - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER  
Phase of Operation: DESCENT - UNCONTROLLED



## Factual Information

### Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial; Private	<b>Age:</b>	42, Male
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	<b>Seat Occupied:</b>	Right
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Helicopter	<b>Restraint Used:</b>	
<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Second Pilot Present:</b>	No
<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None	<b>Toxicology Performed:</b>	No
<b>Medical Certification:</b>	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	<b>Last FAA Medical Exam:</b>	March 12, 1985
<b>Occupational Pilot:</b>	Yes	<b>Last Flight Review or Equivalent:</b>	
<b>Flight Time:</b>	604 hours (Total, all aircraft), 300 hours (Total, this make and model), 439 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 115 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 5 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	HUGHES	<b>Registration:</b>	N8877F
<b>Model/Series:</b>	269A 269A	<b>Aircraft Category:</b>	Helicopter
<b>Year of Manufacture:</b>		<b>Amateur Built:</b>	
<b>Airworthiness Certificate:</b>	Normal	<b>Serial Number:</b>	73-0254
<b>Landing Gear Type:</b>	Skid	<b>Seats:</b>	2
<b>Date/Type of Last Inspection:</b>	June 12, 1985 100 hour	<b>Certified Max Gross Wt.:</b>	1550 lbs
<b>Time Since Last Inspection:</b>	75 Hrs	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Airframe Total Time:</b>	2700 Hrs	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>ELT:</b>	Not installed	<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	HIO-360-A1A
<b>Registered Owner:</b>	HAROLDS HELICOPTER SERVICE	<b>Rated Power:</b>	180 Horsepower
<b>Operator:</b>	HAROLD MILLER	<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>	
<b>Operator Does Business As:</b>		<b>Operator Designator Code:</b>	

## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual (VMC)	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	MKE ,723 ft msl	<b>Distance from Accident Site:</b>	42 Nautical Miles
<b>Observation Time:</b>	18:50 Local	<b>Direction from Accident Site:</b>	30°
<b>Lowest Cloud Condition:</b>	Scattered	<b>Visibility</b>	10 miles
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None	<b>Visibility (RVR):</b>	
<b>Wind Speed/Gusts:</b>	12 knots /	<b>Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Wind Direction:</b>	300°	<b>Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:</b>	/
<b>Altimeter Setting:</b>	29 inches Hg	<b>Temperature/Dew Point:</b>	26°C / 8°C
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
<b>Departure Point:</b>	OCONOMOWC , WI	<b>Type of Flight Plan Filed:</b>	None
<b>Destination:</b>		<b>Type of Clearance:</b>	None
<b>Departure Time:</b>	19:00 Local	<b>Type of Airspace:</b>	Class G

## Airport Information

<b>Airport:</b>		<b>Runway Surface Type:</b>	
<b>Airport Elevation:</b>	0 ft msl	<b>Runway Surface Condition:</b>	
<b>Runway Used:</b>	0	<b>IFR Approach:</b>	None
<b>Runway Length/Width:</b>	0 ft / 0 ft	<b>VFR Approach/Landing:</b>	None

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Substantial
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>		<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Total Injuries:</b>	1 None	<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>	43.060653,-88.390426(est)

## Administrative Information

**Investigator In Charge (IIC):** Siegman, James

**Additional Participating Persons:** KENNETH L TENPSNNY;

**Original Publish Date:**

**Last Revision Date:**

**Investigation Class:** [Class](#)

**Note:**

**Investigation Docket:** <https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=13143>

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