



Aviation Investigation Final Report

Location:	NEWELL, South Dakota	Accident Number:	DEN88LA035
Date & Time:	December 6, 1987, 15:00 Local	Registration:	N2562Z
Aircraft:	BELLANCA 7GCBC	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 None
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 91: General aviation - Personal		

Analysis

THE PLT REPORTED THAT HE WAS SURVEYING A FIELD OF WINTER WHEAT AT APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET AGL IN SLOW FLIGHT. THE WIND WAS STRONG AND GUSTY AND THE ACFT BEGAN TO SETTLE TOWARD THE GROUND. THE PLT ADDED FULL POWER, HOWEVER, THE LEFT MAIN LANDING GEAR STRUCK THE GROUND AND THE AIRCRAFT NOSED OVER.

Probable Cause and Findings

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

Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH TERRAIN/WATER
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING

Findings

1. (F) WEATHER CONDITION - GUSTS
2. (C) PROPER ALTITUDE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (C) COMPENSATION FOR WIND CONDITIONS - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
4. (F) STALL/MUSH - INADVERTENT - PILOT IN COMMAND

Occurrence #2: NOSE OVER
Phase of Operation: OTHER

Factual Information

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	25,Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine land; Multi-engine land	Seat Occupied:	Front
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	None	Restraint Used:	
Instrument Rating(s):	Airplane	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--no waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	January 29, 1987
Occupational Pilot:	UNK	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	542 hours (Total, all aircraft), 453 hours (Total, this make and model), 432 hours (Pilot In Command, all aircraft), 30 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 2 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BELLANCA	Registration:	N2562Z
Model/Series:	7GCBC 7GCBC	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	102378
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	October 29, 1987 Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	1650 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	7 Hrs	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	825 Hrs	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Installed	Engine Model/Series:	O-320-A2D
Registered Owner:	TODD W GOERINGER	Rated Power:	150 Horsepower
Operator:	TODD GOERINGER	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	None
Operator Does Business As:	GOERINGER FARMS	Operator Designator Code:	

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:		Distance from Accident Site:	
Observation Time:		Direction from Accident Site:	
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear	Visibility	30 miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None	Visibility (RVR):	
Wind Speed/Gusts:	20 knots / None	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	100°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:	29 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	16°C / -7°C
Precipitation and Obscuration:	No Obscuration; No Precipitation		
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	14:30 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Airport Information

Airport:		Runway Surface Type:	
Airport Elevation:		Runway Surface Condition:	
Runway Used:	0	IFR Approach:	None
Runway Length/Width:		VFR Approach/Landing:	None

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 None	Aircraft Damage:	Substantial
Passenger Injuries:		Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 None	Latitude, Longitude:	44.709915,-103.410087(est)

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): Johnson, R

Additional Participating Persons: R BRANDIGER; RAPID CITY , SD

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Note:

Investigation Docket: <https://data.nts.gov/Docket?ProjectID=17425>

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