



# **Aviation Investigation Final Report**

Location: NEWBERRY, Florida Accident Number: MIA86LA249

Date & Time: September 13, 1986, 11:00 Local Registration: N4892R

Aircraft: CESSNA A188B Aircraft Damage: Substantial

**Defining Event:** 1 None

Flight Conducted Under: Part 137: Agricultural

#### **Analysis**

THE PLT STATED THAT WHILE SPRAYING A FIELD HE EXPERIENCED AN ENG PROBLEM AND WHILE ATTEMPTING A PRECAUTIONARY LANDING IN A COW PASTURE HIS LEFT MAIN GEAR HIT A HOLE AND COLLAPSED. POST CRASH EXAMINATION OF THE ENG REVEALED THAT THE LINKAGE ON THE THROTTLE BODY CAME LOOSE CAUSING THE PARTIAL LOSS OF POWER EXPERIENCED BY THE PLT.

### **Probable Cause and Findings**

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

#### **Findings**

Occurrence #1: LOSS OF ENGINE POWER(PARTIAL) - MECH FAILURE/MALF

Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - AERIAL APPLICATION

**Findings** 

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1. (C) THROTTLE/POWER LEVER, LINKAGE - LOOSE

2. ENGINE ASSEMBLY - FAILURE, PARTIAL

Occurrence #2: FORCED LANDING

Phase of Operation: DESCENT - EMERGENCY

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Occurrence #3: ON GROUND/WATER ENCOUNTER WITH TERRAIN/WATER Phase of Operation: LANDING - ROLL

Findings
3. TERRAIN CONDITION - ROUGH/UNEVEN

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## **Factual Information**

#### **Pilot Information**

Certificate:	Commercial; Flight instructor	Age:	30,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):	Airplane single-engine	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 1 Valid Medicalw/ waivers/lim	Last FAA Medical Exam:	August 25, 1986
Occupational Pilot:	Yes	Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	5600 hours (Total, all aircraft), 500 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft)		

## **Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information**

Aircraft Make:	CESSNA	Registration:	N4892R
Model/Series:	A188B A188B	Aircraft Category:	Airplane
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	
Airworthiness Certificate:	Restricted (Special)	Serial Number:	18802410T
Landing Gear Type:	Tailwheel	Seats:	1
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	Unknown	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3300 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:		Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:		Engine Manufacturer:	CONTINENTAL
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	IO-520-D
Registered Owner:	NORTH FLORIDA AG SERVICE	Rated Power:	300 Horsepower
Operator:		Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	

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Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Visual (VMC)	Condition of Light:	Day
GNV ,120 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	20 Nautical Miles
10:56 Local	Direction from Accident Site:	90°
Scattered / 2000 ft AGL	Visibility	7 miles
Broken / 2500 ft AGL	Visibility (RVR):	
6 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
340°	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
30 inches Hg	Temperature/Dew Point:	28°C / 23°C
No Obscuration; No Precipita	ation	
	Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
	Type of Clearance:	None
00:00 Local	Type of Airspace:	Class G
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## **Airport Information**

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

## **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:	29.639215,-82.610877(est)

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#### **Administrative Information**

Investigator In Charge (IIC):	Hill, Bruce
Additional Participating Persons:	
Original Publish Date:	
Last Revision Date:	
Investigation Class:	<u>Class</u>
Note:	
Investigation Docket:	https://data.ntsb.gov/Docket?ProjectID=31705

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