



National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Factual Report

Location:	STRATHMORE, CA	Accident Number:	LAX89DVA03
Date & Time:	02/01/1989, 0941 PST	Registration:	N2918W
Aircraft:	BELL 47G-3B2	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Defining Event:		Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor
Flight Conducted Under:	Part 137: Agricultural		

Pilot Information

Certificate:	Commercial	Age:	58, Male
Airplane Rating(s):	Single-engine Land	Seat Occupied:	Left
Other Aircraft Rating(s):	Helicopter	Restraint Used:	Seatbelt, Shoulder harness
Instrument Rating(s):	None	Second Pilot Present:	No
Instructor Rating(s):	None	Toxicology Performed:	No
Medical Certification:	Class 2 Valid Medical--w/ waivers/lim.	Last FAA Medical Exam:	07/31/1987
Occupational Pilot:		Last Flight Review or Equivalent:	
Flight Time:	16000 hours (Total, all aircraft), 9000 hours (Total, this make and model), 10 hours (Last 30 days, all aircraft), 4 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

Aircraft Make:	BELL	Registration:	N2918W
Model/Series:	47G-3B2 47G-3B2	Aircraft Category:	Helicopter
Year of Manufacture:		Amateur Built:	No
Airworthiness Certificate:	Normal	Serial Number:	N2918W
Landing Gear Type:	Skid	Seats:	2
Date/Type of Last Inspection:	01/30/1989, Annual	Certified Max Gross Wt.:	3100 lbs
Time Since Last Inspection:	3 Hours	Engines:	1 Reciprocating
Airframe Total Time:	6983 Hours	Engine Manufacturer:	LYCOMING
ELT:	Not installed	Engine Model/Series:	TVO-435-B1A
Registered Owner:	AGRI-FLY SERVICE INC.	Rated Power:	280 hp
Operator:	AGRI-FLY SERVICES, INC.	Operating Certificate(s) Held:	
Operator Does Business As:		Operator Designator Code:	PWMG

Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

Conditions at Accident Site:	Visual Conditions	Condition of Light:	Day
Observation Facility, Elevation:	, 0 ft msl	Distance from Accident Site:	0 Nautical Miles
Observation Time:	0000	Direction from Accident Site:	0°
Lowest Cloud Condition:	Clear / 0 ft agl	Visibility	5 Miles
Lowest Ceiling:	None / 0 ft agl	Visibility (RVR):	0 ft
Wind Speed/Gusts:	3 knots /	Turbulence Type Forecast/Actual:	/
Wind Direction:	Variable	Turbulence Severity Forecast/Actual:	/
Altimeter Setting:		Temperature/Dew Point:	13° C
Precipitation and Obscuration:			
Departure Point:		Type of Flight Plan Filed:	None
Destination:		Type of Clearance:	None
Departure Time:	0000	Type of Airspace:	Class G

Wreckage and Impact Information

Crew Injuries:	1 Serious	Aircraft Damage:	Destroyed
Passenger Injuries:	N/A	Aircraft Fire:	None
Ground Injuries:	1 Minor	Aircraft Explosion:	None
Total Injuries:	1 Serious, 1 Minor	Latitude, Longitude:	

Administrative Information

Investigator In Charge (IIC): DONALD R MORRIS

Additional Participating Persons:

Investigation Docket: NTSB accident and incident dockets serve as permanent archival information for the NTSB's investigations. Dockets released prior to June 1, 2009 are publicly available from the NTSB's Record Management Division at pubinq@ntsb.gov, or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/>.