



# National Transportation Safety Board Aviation Accident Data Summary

<b>Location:</b>	MARINGOUIN, LA	<b>Accident Number:</b>	FTW84LA263
<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	06/01/1984, 1640 CDT	<b>Registration:</b>	N7252V
<b>Aircraft:</b>	ROCKWELL A-9B	<b>Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal
<b>Flight Conducted Under:</b>	Part 137: Agricultural		

## Analysis

THE PLT WAS COMPLETING THE FIRST SWATH PASS ATTEMPTING TO FLY UNDER A POWER LINE AND BETWEEN A TREE AND PARKED FARM EQUIPMENT. IN A SLIGHT LEFT TURN UNDER THE POWER LINE, THE RIGHT WING CONTACTED TREE TOPS APRX 30 FT AGL. THE ACFT CONTINUED APRX 150 YARDS INFLIGHT UNTIL THE RIGHT WING DROPPED AND THE ACFT ROLLED INVERTED CRASHING UNCONTROLLED INTO A FIELD.

## Probable Cause

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

## Findings

Occurrence #1: IN FLIGHT COLLISION WITH OBJECT  
Phase of Operation: MANEUVERING - AERIAL APPLICATION

### Findings

1. (F) IN-FLIGHT PLANNING/DECISION - IMPROPER - PILOT IN COMMAND
2. (F) VISUAL LOOKOUT - INADEQUATE - PILOT IN COMMAND
3. (F) OBJECT - TREE(S)
4. (C) CLEARANCE - NOT MAINTAINED - PILOT IN COMMAND

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

### Findings

5. TERRAIN CONDITION - GROUND

## Pilot Information

<b>Certificate:</b>	Commercial	<b>Age:</b>	35
<b>Airplane Rating(s):</b>	Multi-engine Land; Single-engine Land	<b>Instrument Rating(s):</b>	Airplane; Helicopter
<b>Other Aircraft Rating(s):</b>	Helicopter	<b>Instructor Rating(s):</b>	None
<b>Flight Time:</b>	4552 hours (Total, all aircraft), 792 hours (Total, this make and model), 56 hours (Last 90 days, all aircraft), 1 hours (Last 24 hours, all aircraft)		

## Aircraft and Owner/Operator Information

<b>Aircraft Make:</b>	ROCKWELL	<b>Registration:</b>	N7252V
<b>Model/Series:</b>	A-9B A-9B	<b>Engines:</b>	1 Reciprocating
<b>Operator:</b>	JOHN R. DRAKE	<b>Engine Manufacturer:</b>	LYCOMING
<b>Operating Certificate(s) Held:</b>		<b>Engine Model/Series:</b>	IO-540-B1C5
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## Meteorological Information and Flight Plan

<b>Conditions at Accident Site:</b>	Visual Conditions	<b>Condition of Light:</b>	Day
<b>Observation Facility, Elevation:</b>	BTR, 71 ft msl	<b>Weather Information Source:</b>	Weather Observation Facility
<b>Lowest Ceiling:</b>	None / 0 ft agl	<b>Wind Speed/Gusts, Direction:</b>	9 knots / , 130°
<b>Temperature:</b>	27° C	<b>Visibility</b>	0 Miles
<b>Precipitation and Obscuration:</b>			
<b>Departure Point:</b>	MARINGOUIN, LA	<b>Destination:</b>	

## Wreckage and Impact Information

<b>Crew Injuries:</b>	1 Fatal	<b>Aircraft Damage:</b>	Destroyed
<b>Passenger Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Fire:</b>	None
<b>Ground Injuries:</b>	N/A	<b>Aircraft Explosion:</b>	None
<b>Latitude, Longitude:</b>			

## Administrative Information

<b>Investigator In Charge (IIC):</b>	T D MCFALL	<b>Adopted Date:</b>	
<b>Investigation Docket:</b>	NTSB accident and incident docket 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 <a href="mailto:pubinq@ntsb.gov">pubinq@ntsb.gov</a> , or at 800-877-6799. Dockets released after this date are available at <a href="http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/">http://dms.nts.gov/pubdms/</a> .		

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