

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report
199600221**

**Air Tractor Inc
AT-502**

26 January 1996

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The Bureau did not conduct an on scene investigation of this occurrence. The information presented below was obtained from information supplied to the Bureau.

Occurrence Number: 199600221 **Occurrence Type:** Accident
Location: 5km E Walgett, Aerodrome
State: NSW **Inv Category:** 4
Date: Friday 26 January 1996
Time: 1825 hours **Time Zone** EST
Highest Injury Level: Fatal
Injuries:

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None	Total
Crew	1	0	0	0	1
Ground	0	0	0	0	0
Passenger	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0	1

Aircraft Manufacturer: Air Tractor Inc
Aircraft Model: AT-502
Aircraft Registration: VH-FRY **Serial Number:** 502-0117
Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Agriculture/Baiting
Damage to Aircraft: Destroyed
Departure Point: Wee Waa NSW
Departure Time: 1755 EST
Destination: Wee Waa NSW

Crew Details:

Role	Class of Licence	Hours on	
		Type	Hours Total
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	308.0	2308

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The aircraft departed Wee Waa at about 1755 EST with a load of 1450 litres of Endosulphan and Delphin spray mixture, to spray a cotton property 5 km east of Walgett. At about 1900 the aircraft was noticed by a witness in the adjoining property making a spray run from the north towards south. At the end of the run the aircraft pulled up and commenced a turn initially to the right then reversed the turn to the left. The left turn continued and the aircraft flew into the ground. The aircraft appeared to be operating normally up until the accident.

This accident was not subject to on site investigation.