

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
198602675**

**Piper PA25-235 Pawnee D**

**15 December 1986**

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**Occurrence Number:** 198602675  
**Location:** 13km ENE of Ingham QLD  
**Date:** 15 December 1986  
**Highest Injury Level:** Nil  
**Injuries:**

**Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Time:** 1800(Aprx)

	Fatal	Serious	Minor	None
Crew	0	0	1	1
Ground	0	0	0	-
Passenger	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

**Aircraft Details:** Piper PA25-235 Pawnee D  
**Registration:** VH-SEG  
**Serial Number:**  
**Operation Type:** Aerial Work-Agricultural  
Spraying  
**Damage Level:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Ingham QLD  
**Departure Time:** 1800(Aprx)  
**Destination:** Ingham QLD

**Approved for Release:** June 16th 1987

**Circumstances:**

The pilot was engaged in the spraying of sugar cane. During one of the swath runs as he turned the aircraft to follow the line of the cane the right wing struck the cane. The aircraft impacted the ground and bounced several times before coming to rest. The configuration of the spray run chosen, by the pilot, involved a turn through 33 degrees during the run. The aircraft was being operated at a lower altitude than was necessary under the prevailing conditions to complete the task. The combination of both these facts made the judgement of wingtip clearance during the run extremely difficult.