

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199401948**

**Beech Aircraft Corp  
Sundowner**

**25 July 1994**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199401948      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Coodardy Station  
**State:** WA      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Monday 25 July 1994  
**Time:** 1110 hours      **Time Zone:** WST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Beech Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** C23  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-UMM      **Serial Number:** M-1918  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Business  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Coodardy Station WA  
**Departure Time:** 1022 WST  
**Destination:** Coodardy Station WA

**Crew Details:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Class of Licence</b>	<b>Hours on Type</b>	<b>Hours Total</b>
Pilot-In-Command	Private	5880.0	5880

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After completing a short flight to check water points on his farm the pilot returned to his 3000 ft landing strip and conducted a low level inspection to identify any sheep near the strip and frighten away those he saw. This was his normal arrival practice when there were sheep in the home paddock. During the aircraft's landing flare, a single sheep bolted across the landing strip. This happened too quickly for the pilot to take avoiding action. The aircraft hit and killed the sheep whilst the aircraft was still rolling at about 40 knots.