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Cessna Aircraft Company Agwagon

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Occurrence Number: 199402461 Occurrence Type: Accident

Location: 17km SE Tambellup

State: WA Inv Category: 4

Date: Saturday 03 September 1994

Time: 1500 hours **Time Zone** WST

Highest Injury Level: Minor

Injuries:

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

Aircraft Manufacturer: Cessna Aircraft Company

Aircraft Model: A188B/A1

Aircraft Registration: VH-EJT Serial Number: 18801411

Type of Operation: Commercial Aerial Agriculture - Other

Damage to Aircraft: Substantial

Departure Point: 8 km NW Tambellup WA

Departure Time: 1445 WST

Destination: Gnowangerup WA

Crew Details:

	Hours on			
Role	Class of Licence	Type Ho	ours Total	
Pilot-In-Command	Commercial	3000.0	5700	

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The pilot was spraying a paddock that he had sprayed three weeks previously. As some light rain was approaching, the pilot restricted his flight check of the paddock to one quick circuit. He did not notice the set of wires outside the spray paddock, and did not remember them from the previous application.

The pilot completed the first spray run and pulled up to set himself for the second pass. Whilst pulling up, he looked back to check the spray coming from the hopper. The aircraft was approximately half way through its pull up when contact was made with the wires.

The aircraft crashed a short distance from the wires.