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On 8/27/2015 at 1205 pm CST I was seeding a cover crop into corn approximately five miles northeast of Genoa Nebraska when I experienced loss of power in my 502-B. I pulled up out of the field and noticed it was not climbing like normal.

I looked at the torque gauge and it was at 35% and falling. I reached over and pushed the throttle to full power and nothing changed.

At that point I knew I was going to have to land. I looked for a road but did not have enough speed to make it safely to the road to land. I turned the plane into the wind and put in my flaps. When I heard the corn start hitting the bottom of the airplane, I pulled the stick full aft to stall the airplane. At this point my left wing dropped, went into the corn and turned me 90 degrees. I hit the ground sideways. This in turn slammed the right wing into the ground and broke the tail wheel off. I landed in the corn field one mile east of the field I was seeding.

Upon landing, the engine was still trying to run because it was shooting flame from the exhaust. I shut the engine down at that point.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at this email address or my cell phone number, [REDACTED]