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Contact: FAA Inspector Semelroth

According to Inspector Semelroth, the helicopter impacted the cornfield with lots of momentum and forward airspeed, not consistent with a normal autorotation maneuver following a loss of engine power. The helicopter impacted the corn, bounced and cleared about 30 feet of untouched corn and came to rest on its left side. Several cornstalks were cleanly severed consistent with the main rotor blades. The helicopter tail boom, landing gear skids, and agricultural spray tank were separated from the airframe. An odor of fuel was noted at the accident site.

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