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Contact: Joseph Hutto, accident pilot

The following is a summary of a phone conversation with Mr. Hutto.

He stated that he is very new to the Air Tractor AT-502 with only a few hours flown. The accident flight was to practice landing. He had just recently departed, then turned around to practice landing and setup for a long final approach. The approach was steady with good airspeed. The airplane was over the edge of the runway 17 and was about to touch down. It felt like he caught a gust of wind that picked the right wing up, then the nose pitched up and left. He was unable to maintain control, the airplane continued into the field and came to rest upright. He removed his helmet, put down the window and egressed without issue. He didn't notice anything wrong with the airplane and had flown for several minutes with no issues. All the cockpit gauges indicated good. The engine sounded good, and the airplane was flying good until the accident happened.

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