



Joshua Lindberg
Senior Aviation Accident Investigator
Aviation Safety - Central Region

Date: June 23, 2025
Subject: CEN25LA218, Pilot's Statement
Contact: Bethany Rayman, Accident Pilot

In an email to the FAA, the pilot stated the following:

I went out to practice spray a field with water in N6174A. I did two laps around the field then came around to purge the booms across the middle of the field. I pushed the spray lever forward when my knuckles hit the dump lever and the gate popped open. I shut the gate, resumed purging the booms and came up out of the field stalled the airplane- at the time I didn't recognize it as a stall I thought the gate had come open again and was making the airplane porpoise I tried pulling the dump lever to get it to stop and then added full power. I continued to sink and fight the stall. I was getting extremely low and decided my only option was getting the airplane on the ground, I impacted the ground very hard tearing the landing gear off and various other parts. I was able to keep the airplane straight until it caught on something on the ground and whipped the airplane around 180 degrees where it came to a stop.\

END