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Date: May 22, 2018
Person Contacted: Mr. Daniel A. Faunce
NTSB Accident Number: WPR18CA146

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Mr. Faunce in a telephone interview immediately after the accident.

On 22 May 2018 at about 1700 Pacific daylight time, Mr. Faunce stated that he was applying rice seed to a field. He had started his day at around 10:00 am that morning and, during the day, made approximately 30 take off and landings on a dirt strip located near the city of Marysville, California. A rice seed support truck had been parked on or near the approach end of the dirt strip. Mr. Faunce called on the radio to have the truck moved but was unsuccessful. The weather had been turbulent with wind gust throughout the day. He flew his last approach "a little slower than before due to the short runway". He said when he was directly over the truck he encountered a downdraft or "sinker" and that caused his right main landing gear to strike the top of the truck. He then decided to continue the landing and upon touchdown, the right main landing gear collapsed, the airplane then veered to the right, exited the dirt strip, rolled across a ditch, and finally came to rest, upright, in a field.