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Based on the investigation, it is believed that there was approximately 8 gallons of fuel remaining in the airplane prior to initial takeoff on the accident flight. The reported fuel burn rate for this airplane is approximately 8-10 gallons per hour. The pilot thought that she had more than enough fuel for the flight. Examination of the remaining fuel in the airplane at the accident site, the right-wing tank was almost completely depleted of fuel. The left wing still had some fuel remaining. The gascolator was almost completely void of fuel. The pilot stated that she had left the fuel selector lever in the right tank only position for most of the flight.