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Aircraft type and registration: Cessna 172 G-BFFZ (light single engined fixed wing aircraft)

Year of Manufacture: 1976

Date and time (GMT): 25 February 1985 at 1515 hrs

Location: In a field near Chatteris, Cambs

Type of flight: Private (business)

Persons on board: Crew — 1 Passengers — 1

Injuries: Crew — None Passengers — None

Nature of damage: Extensive damage to the rudder, fin and rear fuselage

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence

Commander's Age: 41 years

Commander's total flying experience: 388 hours (of which 250 were on type)

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot.

Intending to land at a private grass airfield, the pilot selected runway 24, which is uphill and has a sideways slope to the right. The runway was wet and the wind easterly at 7 kt, providing a slight tailwind and a small crosswind component from the left.

The aircraft veered to the right during the landing roll and ran into a ploughed field bordering the runway. The nosewheel dug in and the aircraft tipped over onto its back.