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Aircraft Type and Registration: Cessna U206G Stationair, G-BMOF

No & Type of Engines: 1 Continental IO-520-F9 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1977

Date & Time (UTC): 8 May 1992 at 1815 hrs

Location: Wellesbourne Mountford, Warwickshire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 2

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Left tailplane damaged, together with electric fence carried away and 3 sheep killed.

Commander's Licence: Commercial Pilot's Licence with Instrument and Instructor ratings

Commander's Age: 52 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 3,040 hours (of which 1,900 were on type)
Last 90 days - 125 hours
Last 28 days - 30 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot and further telephone enquiries

The pilot reported that after a long taxi, back-tracking of the runway and power checks, all engine indications were normal. At 200 feet after take-off, however, the engine began to run very roughly. The pilot consequently carried out a precautionary landing in a field slightly to the right of the extended centre-line of the runway. During the landing the aircraft carried away an electric fence and struck 3 sheep. The engine continued to run after the landing and had then to be shut-down.

Later examination of the aircraft revealed that the fuel-tank in use at the time of the take-off contained very little fuel. (The aircraft type has two wing-mounted tanks and a fuel selector with left, right and off positions. No 'both' selection is available.) Extensive ground running of the engine has revealed no evidence of malfunction.