

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS ***Don't become a statistic!***

NTSB has reported 5 ag accidents including 1 fatal accident so far this year.

PILOTS: CHOOSE AN OPERATOR WHO VALUES SAFETY, LISTEN TO THEM, AND LIVE

When you find an operator who is focused on bringing you into the industry safely, **LISTEN TO THEM!** If they tell you you're done for the day, then you're done for the day. It doesn't matter if it's only noon and there's work left. If they keep you in a smaller and slower aircraft when you think you can handle something larger and faster, remember they have a good reason to not move you up – your life. PAASS realizes this season is expected to be busy and pilots are in short supply. This is no excuse to circumvent safety.

Operators, the future of our industry, and your business, is entirely dependent on bringing in new pilots safely and professionally. Monitor all of your pilots, but especially the new ones, for fatigue. Give them easier fields to begin with as they learn to fly ag. Point out known safety hazards when you assign them the work. Never assume they know something, even if you think it's obvious. If they have concerns about weather, don't push them. Work with them on developing personal minimums that will keep them safe. Work them into larger and faster aircraft at a pace they can handle. This might not be the same pace your operation needs to meet customer demands, but a bent aircraft and injured pilot can't get any work done. In a busy season it's easy to focus on getting work done, but seasons are a long-term game so play it safely to stay in it for the long term. Our industry, along with agriculture in general has a good economic outlook—if we stay healthy, safe and wise.

Check Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs)

Always check TFR NOTAMs before flying! Make sure you have proof of a preflight TFR briefing from sources such as FSS or <https://www.1800wxbrief.com>.

Make a "Fly Safe" Resolution Now!