

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

NTSB has reported 31 ag accidents including 9 fatal accidents so far this year.

FOCUS ON NOTHING BUT YOUR MISSION: AN ACCURATE AND SAFE APPLICATION

It's easy to get confused about what's important for being a good ag pilot. Who's flying the biggest aircraft, who's turning the fastest, and who's getting the most acres done seem to be prominent ways to judge success. The reality is none of these are the most important because none of them focus on the mission. The mission for every single aerial application flight should be doing the best quality job possible for the customer in a safe manner that returns you home every night to your family. You may fly the biggest ag aircraft there is and make the fastest turns, but if you don't provide a quality application and return home safe with an intact aircraft, you failed your mission and could quite possibly end up dead. If something doesn't relate to the mission, don't do it.

It is critical for your operation, your career as an ag pilot, and for the ag aviation industry that you treat every field as if it was your own. If those were your crops you're about to spray, and your livelihood depended on an effective application to protect them, how would you want the field treated? When you decide how to spray a field, don't always think about the fastest way you can get it done. Think instead about what will provide the best results for the grower and the safest application flight for you. Sometimes the best way to treat a target field is not the most productive or profitable, but it allows you to avoid obstacles that present both a risk to your safety and your ability to get the product precisely on target.

Buzzing your friends, turning tight to impress onlookers, and videoing yourself for social media are obviously not part of the mission. They can lead to accidents and complaints and offer no gain to your customer. It doesn't matter what you're flying – your mission is always the same: make an accurate and safe application that provides the application your customer needs to maximize their yield and ensures your continued success as a professional ag aviator. Ag aviation is not an airshow, it's a needed, professional service.

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!