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### **AirVenture 2021 to Help Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Aerial Application**

(Oshkosh, Wisconsin) – The annual event known as the World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration is joining this year’s observance of the [100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of aerial application](#). The week-long [EAA AirVenture 2021](#), which is expected to attract nearly 700 thousand visitors to its Oshkosh, Wisconsin venue, will feature a fly-over of vintage and modern agricultural aircraft during its [opening day airshow on Monday, July 26](#).

The fly-over, organized by the National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA), commemorates the first documented use of aircraft to apply crop protection products, which occurred on [August 3, 1921 near Troy, Ohio](#).

“The last century has brought incredible innovation and technological advancement in aerial application,” notes NAAA CEO Andrew Moore. “AirVenture, which exists to celebrate all things aviation, is an ideal opportunity for our industry to tell the story of our first century.”

Moore says it’s particularly fitting that ag aviation’s centennial will be celebrated at the Experimental Aircraft Association’s signature event. “Our business had its beginning as an [experimental flight](#) conceived by the Ohio Department of Agriculture,” he explains. “An Army test pilot named John Macready applied lead arsonate dust from a World War I surplus biplane to attempt to control sphinx moth caterpillars in a Catalpa tree grove. The experiment worked, and a practice now vital to crop production, wildfire-fighting and mosquito control was born.”

Moore adds, “With more than 125 million acres of U.S. cropland treated by aerial applicators each year, it’s easy to see how important our segment of aviation has become to farmers and consumers.”

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Click [here](#) for more info, including a 100-year timeline of agricultural aviation history, an informational video, photos, video “B-roll,” and other background material.

#### **About EAA AirVenture Oshkosh**

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh is “The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration” and EAA’s membership convention. Additional information, including advance ticket and camping purchase, is available at [www.eaa.org/airventure](http://www.eaa.org/airventure). EAA members receive the lowest prices on admission rates. Free youth admission for ages 18 and under is supported in part by The Boeing Company. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 800-JOIN-EAA (800-564-6322) or visit [www.twitter.com/EAA](http://www.twitter.com/EAA).