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NEWS RELEASE

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National Agricultural Aviation Association Commemorates 100th Anniversary of Aerial Application

*Observance highlighted by donation of Disney "Star" Dusty Crophopper to Smithsonian's
National Air and Space Museum*

Leesburg, VA -- August 3, 2021, is the 100th anniversary of the first documented use of an aircraft for aerial application. To commemorate the milestone, the National Agricultural Aviation Association has orchestrated the donation to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum of a life-sized, fully functional replica of Dusty Crophopper, the hero of Disney's animated films *Planes* and *Planes: Fire and Rescue*.

Below is a sample voiceover script with a link to an edited package to assist you in developing news content about the 100th anniversary event.

VOICEOVER SCRIPT

VO: American Farmers use aerial application to control insects and plant diseases on nearly 130 million acres of cropland each year. And it's critically important in fighting the wildfires currently ravaging hundreds of thousands of acres in several western states. (0:15)

August 3rd is the 100th anniversary of this essential tool in agriculture and wildfire control. At a centennial celebration Tuesday at the Leesburg, VA airport outside Washington, DC, agriculture and aviation industry leaders reflected on a hundred years of innovation... (0:31)

(SOT: Andrew Moore, CEO, National Agricultural Aviation Association) (0:49)

VO: The “star” of the 100th anniversary celebration was Disneytoon Studio’s animated movie hero Dusty Crophopper. Thanks to a donation arranged by the National Agricultural Aviation Association, the real-life replica of Dusty will now become part of the permanent collection of the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum... (1:10)

(SOT: Dorothy S. Cochrane, Curator, National Air and Space Museum) (1:21)

VO: Texas agricultural pilot Rusty Lindeman (LIND-uh-man) is donating the replica Dusty to the museum. Lindeman worked in cooperation with Disneytoon Studios to transform Dusty from an animated character to the “real thing.”... (1:33)

(SOT: Rusty Lindeman, Rusty’s Flying Service, D’Hanis, TX) (1:40)

VO: The Dusty Crophopper replica will debut as the Air and Space Museum’s newest artifact during the museum’s “Innovations in Flight” Family Day display on August 21. (TRT 1:50)

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[Link to edited video for VO Script](#)

[Link to NAAA 100th Anniversary Press Room](#)

[Link to Disney “Planes” movie trailer](#)

