

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

NTSB has reported 43 ag accidents including 9 fatal accidents so far this year.

FINISH SAFE AND APPLY COVER CROPS WELL

The season is slowing down in many parts of the country. As your workload eases up, don't ease up on safety. Accidents can occur anytime, not just when you are busy. Over the prior 10 years, there has been an average of 8.6 accidents during the last 4 months of the year. This is 13% of the average number of accidents over those 10 years. An average of 9% of fatal ag accidents over those same 10 years have occurred between September and December. While the NTSB is still investigating the 2020 fatal accidents, it appears that several of them are turn related. If you think you need to conduct the fastest turns in the industry, you are wrong. For proof please watch NAAREF's [Stall Spin Avoidance video](#).

It is also cover crop season, which can be a very visible example of the quality of work that can be done with an ag aircraft. If the application is done uniformly then the example is a positive one. The grower will be pleased and more likely to utilize aerial application for other application services. Other growers may also see the work and be impressed with the quality. If the cover crop application is nonuniform and poorly formed, then the grower is likely not to be pleased and may share his experience with other growers.

For more detailed information on applying cover crops, NAAA members can view the cover crops presentation from the 2017 NAAA Ag Aviation Expo by visiting the [NAAA Resource Center](#). The argument over the quality of work done by ground applicators versus aerial applicators is one that will not end anytime soon, especially if we provide the other side with evidence to support the argument that ground is the better option. Upon the performance of each rests the fate of all.

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!

Watch your fax or e-mail every other Monday in April, May, June and August and every Monday in July for scheduled issues. Supplemental messages may be sent when increased flight activity warrants additional safety awareness. To be removed from the "Fly Safe" fax list, please call 202-546-5722 or e-mail information@agaviation.org. Let us know if you wish to be removed only from these Fly Safe messages or all faxes or e-mails from the NAAA.