

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

NTSB lists 40 ag accidents, including 11 fatal accidents, for 2024.

USE FREQUENCY 122.925 FOR SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AG AIRCRAFT

The FAA has recently approved NAAA's request to use frequency 122.925 for communications between agricultural aircraft. This frequency is also currently assigned to firefighting and other conservation activities. It can be used to establish communications with other ag aircraft working in your area to safely determine where these aircraft are applying and ferrying, improving the situation awareness of all pilots on the frequency. This is especially useful during peaks in activity when pilots may be coming into unfamiliar territory.

Be professional in how you use 122.925; it's only for reporting safety related information, such as your present location and where you are going. There have already been complaints about the amount of unnecessary talking on 122.925. Conversing about anything personal must be avoided. We have asked for and been granted a dedicated radio frequency for ag aviation – let's use it wisely. Drone operations may monitor 122.925 and other aviation frequencies to improve their situational awareness of nearby crewed aircraft, but they may not transmit on them as this could be a violation of FCC rules.

Using 122.925 to establish communications with other ag aircraft working in your area is only part of avoiding mid-air collisions. Using ADS-B is also recommended. While many may choose to only install ADS-B Out, you're assuming that other ag aircraft in your vicinity have ADS-B In and can see you. If all the aircraft have Out only, no one can detect each other. Finally, no technology replaces good piloting practices. Be vigilant for other aircraft and ferry at a safe altitude – a minimum of 500 feet AGL, but possibly higher if you're working in an area with large turbine aircraft that reach 500 feet or more in turns.

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!