



FLY SAFE CAMPAIGN

MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS
DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!



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5 Ag Accidents reported by NTSB this year
1 Fatality

MANNED AG AIRCRAFT AND DRONES MUST ALL DO THEIR PART TO AVOID CONFLICT IN LOW ALTITUDE AIRSPACE

Following up on the [last Fly Safe](#), it's important to know that there has been an increase in the use of drones in agriculture. All aircraft operating in the low altitude airspace, both manned ag aircraft and drones, must do their part to avoid mid-air collisions. Manned ag aircraft pilots and drone operators should all be aware of and heed the policy approved by the NAAA board of directors in 2024:

1. Drones must always give the right-of-way to manned aircraft.
2. Manned aircraft should circle the field before entering an application site.

The right-of-way of manned aircraft is a legal requirement and not disputed by any professional drone operator. By circling the field before descending in to make the application, manned ag aircraft provide drone operators an opportunity to spot the ag aircraft and initiate a landing. When a turbine powered ag aircraft arrives at a field and immediately drops in to spray, drone operators can be caught off guard. Orbiting a field twice in opposite directions to scout the field for wires, obstacles, and other threats should already be SOP for manned ag aviators.

Manned ag aviators can now use 122.925 MHz for air-air communications related to safety. Drone operators are not allowed to transmit on 122.925 but they can monitor the channel to determine where and when manned agricultural aircraft are flying in the area. If drone operators wish to transmit their own position and intentions, they must obtain a license from the FCC by completing [FCC Form 605](#).

Check TFRs

Always check Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) NOTAMs before flying! Make sure you have proof of a preflight TFR briefing from sources such as FSS or <https://www.1800wxbrief.com>

Don't Forget to Communicate

Communicate with other ag aircraft using 122.925 MHz – limit your transmissions to announcing who you are, where you are, and what you plan to do.

Make a *Fly Safe* Resolution Today!