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**Celebrating Aerial Applicators on National Ag Day for Their Vital Role in  
Feeding the World**

ALEXANDRIA, VA — March 23, 2026 — As the nation celebrates National Ag Day tomorrow, March 24, the National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) honors the men and women whose work in aerial application supports global food production and modern agriculture.

National Ag Day highlights the vital contributions of farmers, ranchers, aerial applicators, and the broader agriculture community. For more than a century, aerial applicators have helped farmers deliver a safe, affordable, and abundant supply of food, fiber, and bioenergy while also protecting forests and controlling pests that threaten human and animal health.

Each year, American farmers rely on aerial application to treat approximately 127 million acres, or nearly 28% of U.S. cropland, applying fertilizers, seeds, and crop protection treatments with precision and efficiency. By treating large areas at just the right time, aerial applicators help maximize yields, support sustainable farming practices, and free up land for carbon sequestration, wetland preservation, and wildlife habitat. Without aerial application, U.S. crop yields could drop by an estimated 25%.

“The aerial application industry is integral to modern and precision agriculture, ensuring that farmers can meet the growing demands for food, fiber and bioenergy,” said Andrew Moore, NAAA CEO. “Aerial application plays a vital role in modern agriculture by allowing crops to be protected quickly, precisely, and with minimal impact to the soil. NAAA is proud to support the pilots and professionals who help farmers produce safe, abundant food while caring for the land.”

On National Ag Day, NAAA encourages everyone to recognize the dedication of the agriculture community and the essential role of aerial applicators in maintaining a safe and sustainable food supply for generations to come.

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*The National Agricultural Aviation Association (NAAA) represents the interests of the small businesses in the U.S., whose owners and pilots are licensed as professional commercial aerial applicators that use aircraft to enhance food, fiber, and bioenergy production, protect forestry and control health-threatening pests. For more information, please visit [AgAviation.org](http://AgAviation.org).*