



FLY SAFE CAMPAIGN

MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS
DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!



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9 Ag Accidents reported by NTSB this year
2 Fatalities (not yet reported by NTSB)

WE NEED TO KEEP OUR INEXPERIENCED PILOTS SAFE

It is difficult for pilots to break into the ag aviation industry, and finding a good mentor is the key to success. In some cases, the opportunity may be with a would-be mentor who may be a great ag pilot but a poor instructor. Unfortunately, in some cases it may be with a mentor who only cares about getting as much work done as possible.

When mentoring a new pilot, operators and chief pilots need to constantly remind themselves that they can't put the workload ahead of the safety of their mentee. Inexperienced pilots are reminded to use the [ag aviation FRAT](#) and the [AgPilotApp](#) to assess and reduce risks.

Things to avoid when mentoring:

- Allowing an inexperienced pilot to work without direct supervision.
- Failing to consider wires, other obstacles, and nearby sensitive crops/areas when assigning jobs to newer pilots.
- Not providing pre and post flight briefings to help the mentee prepare for the mission and then learn from what happened.
- Giving them the tough fields because they need to pay their dues.
- Expecting them to quickly adjust to faster, heavier aircraft.
- Expecting them to handle the workload and be as productive as yourself and other experienced pilots at your operation.

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!