



FLY SAFE CAMPAIGN

MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS
DON'T BECOME A STATISTIC!



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22 Ag Accidents reported by NTSB this year
2 Fatalities

YOU FLY IN A DANGEROUS AND UNFORGIVING ENVIRONMENT – DO NOT GET COMPLACENT

Aerial application missions place aircraft and pilots in a dangerous environment. Wires, poles, towers, trees, drones, and other ag aircraft must be avoided. Spray must remain on target with care for sensitive areas. All of these must be tracked while ensuring the application is made at the correct altitude, flight path, and application rate.

Experience improves an ag pilot's proficiency and safety as they grow professionally. Complacency occurs when this experience leads to a sense of safety that results in a pilot lowering their guard. They may lower safety standards and take chances previously avoided because they feel their experience will protect them. Instead of lowering the risk of an accident, experience now increases the risk of an accident.

For ag accidents from 2016 to 2025, the average pilot involved was 45 years old and had 8,000 hours total time. During those 10 years, 11% of the pilots involved in an ag accident had less than 1,000 hours total time while 14% had greater than 15,000 hours total time. These statistics are evidence that experience doesn't always mean less risk. Remember the quote from Captain A.G. Lamplugh: "Aviation in itself is not inherently dangerous. But to an even greater degree than the sea, it is terribly unforgiving of any carelessness, incapacity, or neglect."

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!