



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

CONDUCT PREFLIGHTS WITH A CHECKLIST TO WARD OFF COMPLACENCY AND DISTRACTIONS

Preflight inspections are an important part of being a safe and professional pilot. While common in other types of aviation, they are often overlooked in ag flying. Using a preflight checklist can help prevent complacency and distractions from forgetting key items. When you feel like you've flown the aircraft dozens of times over last month and you don't need to use a checklist, that's complacency. Customer phone calls or questions from your ground crew can easily distract you during a preflight.

Using a checklist forces you to concentrate on each specific item as you go through the list. It can prevent you from missing a critical step that you may have overlooked because of a distraction. By making use of a preflight checklist before every mission, you help prevent yourself from being complacent. Checklists foster structure, discipline, and paying attention to details.

Preflights can be conducted the morning of operations or at the end of the day after all missions are completed. Pilots should check for (among other things) loose bolts or nuts, fuel and oil levels, damage, proper brake function, and controls that are both free and correct. Drain the fuel to look for water and other contaminants and to confirm the fuel is correct.

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!