

Fly Safe Campaign



MAINTAIN ACCIDENT AWARENESS

Don't become a statistic!

NTSB has reported 6 ag accidents including 1 fatal accident so far this year.

FERRY ABOVE FIVE (HUNDRED) AND STAY ALIVE!

As your season picks up, do not forget the PAASS ferry safety motto: ferry above five (hundred) and stay alive! Ferrying above 500 feet significantly reduces the chances of a mid-air collision with other ag aircraft working a field in your area. It also likely positions the aircraft above towers and cross-country power lines and gives additional time and altitude for decision making in case of an engine or aircraft malfunction. Last but not least, a higher ferrying altitude reduces potential complaints to the FAA.

Over the last 10 years there have been four mid-air collisions involving agricultural aircraft. In two of those mid-air, one of the pilots in each accident was killed. In a 2019 mid-air collision involving two Ag Cats seeding rice, both pilots were fatally injured.

In some areas of the country, fields are close enough to the strip that 500 feet cannot be attained. In these situations, perhaps a common radio frequency agreed upon by all operators in the vicinity might work to increase communication and reduce the risk of a mid-air. A better option is the installation and use of ADS-B In. This technology, if adopted by everyone in the area, can warn you when you're near another aircraft. It can be set up to provide audible warnings when aircraft enter your proximity – it does not require you to actively monitor a screen. ADS-B may also reduce your risk of colliding with a UAV, [many of which will now be equipped with ADS-B](#).

Check Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs)

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

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