

129. TRANSPORTATION -- UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

We support:

1. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for commercial purposes (i.e., agricultural, forestry, and other natural resource use).
2. Working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to review the legal and technical issues related to agricultural UAV use.
3. Reasonable FAA regulations regarding agricultural use and permitting for private and commercial applications.
4. Requiring the operator of the UAV to gain the consent, in writing, of the landowner or tenant, if the UAV will be surveying or gathering data above the private property.
5. The development of guidelines for the safe operation of UAVs for all users.
6. Landowners and tenants to be able to fly their fields, for any reason, without it being considered a commercial activity.
7. Protecting property and privacy rights of farms and livestock operations while encouraging legitimate commercial and recreational uses of UAVs.

We oppose:

1. Federal, state, and law enforcement agencies using UAVs for the purpose of regulatory enforcement, litigation, and as a sole source for natural resource inventories used in planning efforts.
2. FAA regulations that classify UAVs as fixed-wing aircraft.
3. FAA regulations that require a private pilot's license and third-class medical certification to operate UAVs under 55 pounds.