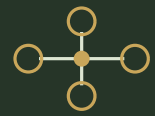


# Seasonal Flight Calendar - Midwest Row Crop

Timing windows for corn, soybeans, wheat, drainage, and documentation

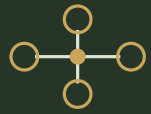
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Month	Corn	Soybeans	Other opportunities
March-April	-	-	Wheat greenup; pre-season drainage after snowmelt or heavy rain
Late May	V2-V4: stand assessment, emergence, planter performance	V2-V3: early stand and emergence	Post-rain drainage; document replant areas
Early June	V4-V6: routine monitoring; weed scouting	V4-V5: weed scouting before canopy closure	Equipment pattern checks
Late June	V8-V12: nitrogen decision flight if multispectral/NDRE available	R1-R2: canopy closure and baseline health	Wheat heading disease/N assessment
July	VT-R2: pollination stress and disease onset	R3: disease scouting; white mold/frogeye risk	Storm and hail documentation
August	R3-R5: late stress, disease tracking, yield clues	R5-R6: maturity and late disease	Cover crop planning and problem zones
September	R6: final pre-harvest check if needed	R7-R8: harvest timing assessment	Post-harvest drainage flights
Oct-Nov	-	-	Compaction, tile planning, wheat emergence, residue patterns

## HOW MANY FLIGHTS?

Three to four strategic flights per season often deliver most of the value. Add event-driven flights after storms, heavy rain, or when a roadside view raises a question.



## PRINT-AND-CHECK SEASONAL PLAN

Flight window	Target date	Notes / fields
Pre-season drainage / obstacles		
Stand assessment		
Weed scouting		
Nitrogen decision window		
Pollination / disease monitoring		
Storm or damage event		
Pre-harvest / maturity		
Post-harvest / tile / compaction		

### EVENT-DRIVEN FLIGHTS

The most valuable flight is often not on the calendar. Fly after a heavy rain to map drainage, after hail/wind to document damage, after a planter issue to define affected rows, or after a neighbor reports something odd.

### FIELDS THAT NEED PRIORITY ATTENTION THIS SEASON

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