

2026 UAS Operator Recertification Webinar
January 14, 2026
Recertification For Categories A, B, & C

- 7:15 Participant Check-In
- 7:45 “MDA Update”—Robyn Frederick, MDA
- 8:00 “MDA Drone Enforcement Update”—Kyle Nilestuen, MDA
- 8:15 “Panel Discussion: Navigating MN’s Complex Drone Licensing System”
- Robyn Frederick, MDA
 - Troy Siekas--FAA
 - Nate Williams—MN DOT Aeronautics
- 9:15 “Hidden Factors In Pesticide Performance: The Overlooked Roles of Water Quality, Proper Measurement & Adjuvant Use.” Dr. Fred Whitford, Purdue University.
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 “Optimizing Your Drone/Pesticide Transportation Equipment for Safety & Efficiency”—Dr. Fred Whitford, Purdue University
- 11:00 “Operator Safety in Drone Pesticide Applications—Proper Safety Protocols to Minimize Accidents & Ensure Safe Pesticide Handling Practices During Loading, Operation & Maintenance of Drones.” Jennifer Thomasen, Bayer Crop Science.
- 11:30 “MN Weed Update” Liz Stahl, U of M Extension.
- Noon Lunch Break
- 12:45 Pesticide Regulatory Updates & Implications for Drone Operators—Sarah Hovinga, Bayer Crop Science
- 1:30 “Understanding Rotary Atomizer Performance & Selecting Proper Droplet Size To Maximize Pesticide Efficacy & Canopy Penetration.” Dr. Steven Li, Auburn University
- 2:15 “Collision Avoidance: Known & Suspected Incidents Between Manned & Unmanned Aircraft” Troy Siekas, FAA
- 2:45 Adjourn