



Agricultural Drone Specialists



URGENT UPDATE | AUGUST 2026

The hottest summer on record has rewritten the year
-here's what it means for you

This is an urgent, out-of-cycle update. The Met Office has confirmed the UK is on course for its hottest summer on record – beating the previous record set only last year, with more days above 30°C already than the whole of 1976.

For drone applicators, this isn't just a weather headline. It has bent the whole season out of shape, and it changes what you need to be doing right now.



*An unprecedented summer demands
a different approach.*



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The Clock Is Ticking: 1st October & Your SORA

We are fast approaching 1st October – the day **CAA Decision 60** comes into force, and the date we are working to in order to get our early adopters through the **SORA** process and onto the front foot for next season.

Applications that get in early, in good order, will be the ones sitting at the top of the pile.



To reserve your place in that first wave, secure your SORA now:

- £3,000 + VAT deposit today to start work and lock in your slot;
 - £3,000 + VAT on completion

and your application is one of the first on the CAA's desk.



With our in-house **SORA capability**, we write and manage the whole thing with you.

But there is a hard limit on how many we can push through **before October**.

Every day you wait is a day someone else moves ahead of you in the queue.



October is approaching – and the SORA queue is already forming.





Why This Matters: The Heat Has Rewritten 2026

Here's why we couldn't wait to send this.

In a normal year, maize foliar fertiliser applications would be in full swing right now. Instead, the extreme heat has forced crops to one of two extremes – they've either failed outright or raced to full maturity.

The application window has slammed shut, short and early.

The lesson for farmers is obvious, and they're already drawing it: next year they will start earlier so they don't get caught out. And when there's a viable drone option on the table, who is going to leave an extra tonne per acre in the field?

No one. The demand is coming, and it's coming earlier.



When every tonne matters, missing the application window isn't an option



The Autumn Crunch: Cover Crops & A Race Against The Frost

Look at what's directly ahead.

There are literally thousands of hectares of cover crops that need to go in this autumn – but with no rain, the ground is waiting.

When the weather breaks, and it will, everything will need to happen at once.

At that point drones will be in short supply, and trained operators shorter still, all trying to get the work done before the frosts hit.

The operators who are equipped, authorised and practised will clean up. The ones still waiting on kit or paperwork will watch the window close.

Which side of that line do you want to be on?



The autumn window will be short – and the prepared operators will be busy.





Next Season Will Be The Biggest Yet – Get Ahead Now

Now is the time to be flying, learning and sharpening both your skills with the aircraft and your wider marketing.

Every operator we speak to has seen a huge upturn in work this year, and all the signs point to next year being the biggest yet.

The operators who are ahead of the game are already booking fertilising jobs for February.

Skill, reputation and a full order book aren't built in a fortnight – they're built now, in the quieter moments before the rush.

The window to get ready is open today. It won't stay open.



The biggest season yet is coming. Make sure you're ready for it.



TWO STEPS TO BE READY FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

1. **Get your SORA deposit in.** £3,000 + VAT now, £3,000 + VAT on completion – be first on the CAA's desk for 1st October.
2. **Claim your drone package.** A £10,000 deposit reserves your aircraft and full battery package from our warehouse
- *no backorder, ready to fly.*

It's a rollercoaster – but the operators who buckle in now are the ones who'll be flying while everyone else is still queuing.

Coming Soon: Heavy Lift Is On Its Way

One more thing. A bigger update is coming very soon – but here's the headline: **heavy lift is coming to an operator near you.**

The **DJI FlyCart 100** opens up a brand-new fork of the industry, and there's a chance to claim your space as one of the first in the country – before the gold rush.

Watch this space.



Don't wait for the rain – contact the VASPBA team today to secure your SORA and your machine.
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