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# Commercial drone market stirs excitement (and worry)

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*The budding civilian drone market is raising concerns over safety, regulation and privacy.*



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Drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), are no longer confined to the battlefield; soon enough, a civilian market will emerge and share the same airspace with manned commercial aircraft. Remotely operated and GPS-guided, these drones will help monitor storm systems, assist in search-and-rescue operations, track wildlife, survey power lines, deliver goods, broaden photographic possibilities, and trace wildfires.

This isn't speculative; it's inevitable, and not everyone is happy about it. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has until 2015 to develop regulations aimed at limiting the myriad privacy and safety concerns associated with UAVs. But given the vast potential of the technology, it's difficult to anticipate exactly what the consumer drone market will look like.

## STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- The budding civilian market for drone aircraft is raising concerns over public safety and privacy