

The Photographic Footprint of a Camera on a Drone

variables		
xsensor	36	width of sensor in mm
ysensor	24	height of sensor in mm
focallen	50	focal length of lens in mm
altitude	100	height in m
xgimbal	30	x-axis gimbal angle
ygimbal	30	y-axis gimbal angle

Field of view wide: $2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{36}{2 \times 50} \right) = 39.6^\circ$

Field of view tall: $2 \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{24}{2 \times 50} \right) = 26.99^\circ$

From drone to bottom of picture: $100 \times \tan \left(30 - \frac{1}{2} \times 39.6 \right) = 17.99m$

From drone to top of picture: $100 \times \tan \left(30 + \frac{1}{2} \times 39.6 \right) = 118.33m$

From drone to left of picture: $100 \times \tan \left(30 - \frac{1}{2} \times 26.99 \right) = 29.63m$

From drone to right of picture: $100 \times \tan \left(30 + \frac{1}{2} \times 26.99 \right) = 94.88m$

Drone Altitude = 100

Height of photo footprint: $94.88 - 29.63 = 65.25m$

Width of photo footprint: $118.33 - 17.99 = 100.33m$

