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Big John,

I don't know what type of dry flies you are tying. I'll cover the three main types:

Catskill flies (hackle would around the hook shank) have to be proportioned right to ride upright – hackle length 1 1/2 – 2X gap of the hook and tail the length of the shank. When you set it down on a flat surface the bend of the hook should not touch the surface, it should ride a little above.

With parachute flies use hackle 1 hook size larger than used for Catskill flies, also splaying the tails on parachute flies gives it more stability.

With Comparadun dries, the wing should spread 180* around the top of the hook and splayed tails are a must.

Those are the 3 main types of dries and tips for tying. One other thing, your wing may be too long or heavy, that also can cause the fly to ride sideways. Hope that helps – good luck!