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Hello All... and Happy TGIF !!

Hope You Plan to do something Fun this WeekEnd.... ???
The proverbial "*KahKah is Gonna Hit the proverbial Fan*" One of these Days !!
But.... From April 10th thru 17th, the Forecasted Highs are all in the 50's and the Lows all in the 30's !!
Really Gradual-Slow-Easy-Grower-Friendly-Stuff....
I guess we can survive the Brown Grass Ugliness for acupla more Weeks....???

*****Doin Alternate Centers....** Is it really all that important to do the 'Centers' thing real Early with so little 'Blow-Thru-Obstruction' to deal with ???

Yup.... Lets consider Mondays and Thursdays.... and Here's why.

1. Nobody gets 100+%% Coverage with 'One-Side-Applications'. Only doing 1 Center is only doing 1 Side...even if there is no Wind, which is like never.

2. Doing an Alt-Center-Strategy split-out apprx 3 and 1/2 days....

**Gets you a different angle with the Wind on your Thrs-Center....

**Hits 95% of the brand-new-green-growth Thrs that wasnt a target in the Monday-Center...

**Gets you 190% Coverage because you are getting 95% Coverage with 1 - Alt-Center

**Gets You thru that Block twice as fast ...important when the pressure is on.

**Gets a Fresh TouchUp with 'Protectant' Chemistries every 3.5 Days....like for when it rains like crazy Tuesday.

...and No ...95% is not gonna cut it. Never does. Never will. Early on in the Season like 1st Green, there are Billions of ScabSpores floating around in your Orchard. So several Millions are certainly gonna find your UnProtected 5% Green-Surface ... If you had Zero Scab last Year enjoying 100% Control, you may have only 3 Billion Spores, while your Grower Pal that had way too much Scab in 2018 might have 48 Billion Spores.

If it's time to go Monday AM, and it's Rainin & Blowin, just wait til it calms down. You may end up goin TuesPM and Wednesday, and then coming right back thru Thrs with 2nd-Alt-Center. Just *stay the course*....

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Remember to use your Computer ... Dial-Down the water when its a drizzln Rain. Smart Money has made this work when the Drizzle was real light and the wind was way down, he goes out with less water and still the recommended Per-Acre-Pesticide-Rate. Works.

******The Word is that Codling Moth** is makin a Come-Back... Some Guys are goin back to Mating-Disruption.

******Some Associates** I've listened to maintain that some kind of Ag-Oil Appln real Early-Green is very important for control of **SanJoseScale** ... But ... there are also many really good reasons, far too many to list, to **Never use any Oils of any kind ...Ever**. If you never ever have any Oils in your Sprayer Tank, your life will be better.

In place of any Oils, always just use the biggest Rate-per-100-Gallon of a Top-Shelf-Premium-Grade-High-Quality-90-10-N.I.S.....like InSpray-90 or Regulaid or Activator-90 ...There's probably a lot of others with names I dont know of ...?? InSpray-90 is the best I've found and about half-priced compared to some. Use 4 pints--100 Gal--Tank-Mix.

SJS...Use 2 Qt.4E Chlorpyrifos. Read your Label thoroughly. No more than 2 Qts...and No Less. Why be so adamant bout gettn "4E" on??? It also works well on Rosies, All Aphids, GreenFruitWorm, Obliques and more. Even on Younger-Non-Bearing-Blocks.... I'd use the 4 Pints-Ac... Cheap. And "4E" is also a Butt-Kickn-Nuke as a Soil Insecticide. Cheap. All your *Blow-By* is helping eliminate other problems. Cheap. Did I mention that 2 Qts-Ac-Chlorpyrifos **4E** is Low-Cost-Cheap.....???

Use as many Systemic Products with it as you want....Any that make sense. If you have a question on your Tank-Mix, pls ask.

******All of RGSs Fave** Pesticide Products and Nutritional Products and Fave PGRs and BioStimulants are All Tank-Mix-Compatible. There's only minimal 'Tricks' used by our Smart Money Guys to avoid any Issues. If there are any 'exceptions' to this Rule, we all know it right up-front.

Some of you Guys have really great H2O-quality and that really helps with Tank-Mix-Combo's.... Some of You use a little xtra 'Indicate-5' to help the cause.

No...Never assume that a Liq-Nutrition-Product that you got "down-the-street" is gonna be just fine to Tank-Mix with. Some of those are hardly even compatible with themselves. Use those up in a Weed-Spray-Mix.

**** **Q & A - Yup....** Thinkn it was 8 years ago in our Trials.... We used only CS2005 for Scab Control with very good success. And I like your suggestion to do it again. You're wondering about "Copper-Resistance" Highly UnLikely... but I agree its possible.

But I wouldn't give it even 1/10th percent of a chance against "005".... Remember Dr. Jim Adaskevich--U.-C.-Davis... against a very tough copper-resistant Bacterial Disease... "005" got 99% Control-Success while the Kocide 3000 Copper looked nearly **twice as bad as the UnTreated Rows**. And all those Rows had the same amount of Disease.

Hope You All have a Superb Weekend....r