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## Fruit Ridge Notes

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....Another Very Nice Day here on the West Side of Beautiful DownTown Kent City ....

Have You noticed the Long-Range-10-Day-Fore-Casted Night-Time-Lows...???

....All Low-50s to the Low 60s !!! 😁 👍 🛇 🏐 🙏

## \*\*\*\* **Tomorrow** is the Big New "'*Walter Hill Memorial Apple Cup Classic*'' Golf Tournament ....

Moss Ridge Golf Club ....10am-Registration....11 am Shot-Gun-Start...

\*\*\*\*Yup....ReTain in Stock ....Check with Deanna ASAP.... 616-887-9933....616-678-7708 ....616-826-5104M

\*\*\*\***Hero...?? Yes ...I love Hero !!!!** It's a Combo-Pre-Mix-Product .... Contains MustangMaxx and Brigade .....

.... Brigade being Bifenthrin...like++Capture++Fanfare++TalStar++Tundra--Etc....

The thing Ya gotta watch out for ...?? ...and requires some cipherin... is your total Seasonal-Legal-Limit of the MustangMaxx A.I.

Its easy to do Mustang Maxx... Like 6 Apps of 4 oz-Ac-Each on Apples.... most Stone Fruits .... Blues--Etc ....But if you use Hero, you need to calculate the Zeta-Cypermethrin in the Hero and deduct that from your Mustang Maxx Total-Limit. I know a lot of You just use the Full Rate M.Maxx and spike it with an additional Chemistry....like Brigade... Keeping it simple... But I do really really like Hero.

\*\*\*\*\***Excellent Response** from Smart Money so far.... about the Paraquat 3SL Issue....

\*\*\*\* **One of our Tart-Cherry-Faves** .... NorthWest of Traverse City... just reminded me that the Leaf-Spot has been a tough Issue all of this Season .... It was just a crazy awful Spring.

He said the "**005**" is the Product that really seriously did the job. He said his Neighbors agree they might as well have dumped some of the other "Pricey" Products in the ditch.

And...He said he still believes the Chlorothalonil Products really help alot. Also....Important ....One "Alternate-Center-Appln" he added Captan to the "005" and experienced some Phyto...??? But he said within a few days those affected leaves fell off and all looked good again. But we're thinkn the Systemic"'005" heats-up the Captan quite a bit...?? ...Possibly. And then some Guys claim they get a little Phyto whenever & however they use Captan....??

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I remember years ago some Guys really liked to Tank-Mix the Ol-90%-ElCheapo-Wettable Sulfur with Captan knowing full well that they would get Phyto....and it didnt bother them a bit. They said...."Yep--Tank-Mixes fine...No Mildew--No Scab..It's all Good."

\*\*\*\* **Some Wayne County N.Y. Guys** saying they will indeed be "Stem-Clipping" Honeys again at Harvest.....

At the Market-Pricing we normally see, it doesn't take much of a %%Increased%%%Percentage%%Pack-Out%% to pay the Xtra Clippn Labor Expense .... Acupla those Guys are very familiar with the same Great\$\$Fun\$\$Number\$\$\$ that many of you have enjoyed here.... The difference between Honeys going for Juice and Honeys going out as U.S.Extra Fancy can be \$35K - \$45K - per- Acre.... or More. I think if a Grower has a really huge crop of Honeys, it would be 1500 Bu-Acre...??? ....times a 48 lb.Bushel... 72,000 lbs ....times a 14 cents-Lb. Juice Market === about \$10K-Acre.

I also know several Guys that have enjoyed a \$55 < \$79 -U.S.Extra Fancy Market, that Packed-Out over 100% averaging \$68-Unit... harvested out of Blocks where they picked 43 Bins total. Doing the Math... They were getting 22 Packed-Units-per-Bin = Avg.\$1496.00-Bin ...times 43 Bins-Acre === \$64K-Acre. Thats Fun Math.

But...If They had been loaded up with Bitter-Pit....Barely-Pink-Striped-Green Fruit.... Stem-Punchers ... and Bruising.... they settle for \$5800.00 for Juice-Price on those same 43 Bins...

## \*\*\*\*Some Popular Current Q & A ....

\*\*Yes...You can Follow ReTain Applns with HarvistaPGR

\*\*ReTain-"Color-Drag" is almost always a lesser Issue when we use a lesser ReTain-Rate-Acre.

\*\*OverLoaded Gala blocks where there's lots of Small Fruit, doing a Full-Pouch apprx 25 Days PreHarvest....will Hang that Fruit an additional 10 - 14 Days or more

\*\*You can use a Full-Rate-90-10-NIS like InSpray-90 with ReTain, if you don't have any SiliconeSurfactant.

\*\*Yep----That Paraquat Price is real Cheap

\*\*If you have a really big number of Gala Acres to get through, you should seriously consider a very

intricate '2 or 3 different rates of ReTain' Program....

\*\*Some Growers suspect certain Pesticides Tank-Mixed with ReTain cause Fruit-Spotting...

and Leaf-Drop... But some Others seem pretty sure its the Silicone Surfactant with those

certain Chemistries ....??? ...that is the Problem...???

\*\*Woolly Aphids.... Thankfully only 3 Guys I've talked to have the problem...Ongoing ....

Not much to do now. Diazinon has a 21 Da.PHI.... If you're gonna do it, use a Xtra-big-GWA...

....use 3 - 4 lbs. - Ac. Diazinon.... Read your Label 4 or 5 times.....

Gods Peace....