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Hey Thursday ... Brutally Ugly Cold-East-Wind-Rain-Crap... 😞😞

With every drop of Rain my mind goes to the Orchard-Floors.... Praying our God steps in to stop some of the Precip 🙏... It's really crazy Coldso it'll be a long wait before this could be a Scab-Threat-Scenario.....

So..... Theres That... 😞

****** Q & A ...Affirmative AgriMek...Abamectin...** There are about 40 Products that have Abamectin as an "Active-Ingredient"... with a bunch of those having it as a "*Co-A.I.*"..... in Combo with 1 or more other A.I.s... ?? And there's 40 Labeled in Michigan, but on specific Crops like 'Turf' Ornamentals.... Grain-Crops some as Nematicide... Lots of Cool Stuff Love Abamectin But Remember ...Only a Handful of these are legal on Fruit-Veggie-Michigan...

Abamectin is a "Restricted-Use" A.I.Product... There are now various %**A.I.**% strengths & potency-values available... Some are aprx 5X the strength of the good-ol- **0.15EC**...

And...I have nuthin against some of those newer "Co-A.I." products, but you need to watch out for staying 'Legal' with the Total-Seasonal-Limits...??? And of courseYa gotta watch-out for the Cost per Acre. Sometimes, in those Combo's, they end up charging **7-8-9 times** more for an old inexpensive A.I. like Abamectin ...which is almost like Free when you look at using the old original "**0.15EC**" ... at Full-Rate ...like **\$8.44-Acre**...??? Yes..at Full-Rate...

Here's another real important consideration..... Sometimes in those "Co-A.I." products, they only formulate-in a Low-Rate-A.I. of a given good-ol-Butt-Kickr like Abamectin..... So if you use the Full-Rate of the New-Combo-Product, you may only be getting the lowest rate if the Abamectin. But you are legally restricted to the Label, which does not let you use the Full-Rate that you want. **And ...That** is how you encourage **Resistance** ...by cutting Rates...

I'm still lookn at the Costs of some Newer Co-A.I.-Products... But if Ya wanna keep it simple and do the Full-Rate-Low-Cost Strategy.... You might want to just get the original "Abamectin 0.15EC" and do the Full 20-oz-Ac-Rate at Petal-Fall or 1st Cover, and then come right back 15-20 Days later with a Repeat-20 oz-Appln..... which gets you to your Seasonal-Legal-Limit==40 oz-Ac....

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This worked impressively well last Year for just about everyone that got it on with really good coverage. Its strong on all Mites ... Good on WALH & STLM.... Toxic to Bees ... It used to be fairly good on SJS... but some Pals tell me its gettn kinda weak.

I really like the *Two-Full-Rate-Applns*..... Total-per-Acre-Cost--for Both-Appns !!!! \$17... Tank-Mixes with most everything. I dont like the ""Use-Oil"" part of the Label.... Nearly 100% of the time Our Guys have real good luck with the 4-Pint-per-100-Gallon *InSpray-90*. We never recommend Oils for anything...ever...

And by the way Check out the cost of 2-Full-Rate-Appns of any other Miticide in your Book... \$66 - \$75 - \$92 ...??

**** **Feed-Back...** Looking back 3 - 4 Years...??? In Wayne County NY... I had heard of a PrePink Stage Freeze where the Grower had seen some favorable results from using the PGR Perlan after a 25°F-early-AM... This was not a Trial that Jeff was watching. I had unwittingly assumed that Jeff had some Notes on this...??? Not the case... SoooIts just encouraging Hear-Say...??? 😞 Sorry if I got your hopes up to Far ... 😊

Jeff has Tried & Watched using the PGR "Perlan" after a Freeze at *Green Tip* Stageand it did nothing to help set Fruit. He says "Tight Cluster" Applns remain somewhat uncharted territory as they have not tried any yet.

Most of the 'Critical-Temperature' charts claim Tight Cluster can take 27* and Pink can take 28* ...

I tell our Favies to have some PGR Perlan on their shelf It costs about \$25-Acre to do 1 Pint.

AndMany of you have had success with the "Glacier" product from the MSU-Kid-Patrick at Custom-AG-Formulators.... This is for all the Tree Fruit and Berry Crops that we work with here....

Do 4 Qts - per - 100 Gal. Water

Use No Adjuvants

Get at least 100% Coverage.

Apply 24 - 48 Hours Pre-Cold-Temps

If you use Low-Volume-GWA, dont go less than 2 Qts-Ac-

Glacier the stuff really works runs about \$7 - Qt ...

See Label at 'customagformulators.com' ... Go to *Products

....*Specialty

Praying for Dryness....