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**Happy Monday EveryOne !!!**

**That "Walter Hill Memorial Apple Cup Classic" was a Huge Success !!!**

It sounds like the Sparta Lions Club raised net proceeds of maybe over \$11K !!!! That Organization has it dialed-in.... Very great Production !!!

Nobody got a "Hole-in-One" ...so Rich Kent kept the \$28,000 Kubota Tractor he was prepared to Donate....

Our Old Friend Walt Hill would have been so proud of his Lions Club and this Production !!

The "2nd Annual Apple Cup Classic" will be next Aug.2020 !!!!

**It's really Cloudy** and looks like Rain here - Fruit Ridge Ave...by Kent City.... really Windy also.

The Radar looks like it can Rain anytime. It has already spit acupla Sprinkles....

**\*\*\*\* S.W.Michigan Peach Grower Guys !!!!** I have a Pal here on the North Side Ridge that has some very nice Peaches....UnCommitted ... 300 - 400 Halves...?? Please "**Reply-All**" on this and the DeeTeam Gals will get you in touch.... if you're interested.

When You Reply-All, the only Recipients will be those you see Listed.... Not the "Bcc" Folks....

**\*\*\*\*I Got One More Fave** that mentioned to me Saturday at Golf Outing that he did the AgriMek-2-Full-Rate-Apps-Post-Bloom ...and had some ERMs come thru it about 10 Days ago...☹️☺️ I wish I could get a %%%Percentage%% of Growers that had a Break-thru.... Like if 98 Guys did that and 2 had a Failure-Break-Thru...?? So ....2% of the Guys had an issue. I have no idea if thats the case. Some Guys do not use the full 20 oz-Ac in either of the 2 Applns .... Some Guys only do 1 Appln....Lots of scenarios...

But consider this..... If over-all it had a 90% success rate, and only 10% of the Guys had to ReSpray certain blocks...?? Thats about the same Performance-Track-Record as 30 - 35 Years ago...

If you had a Break-Thru-Failure with the AgriMek Program, where we do 2 Applns---Each @ Full-Rate...2-3 Weeks apart ...?? I'd be very interested to hear about it...

**\*\*\*\*Harvista** has a 3-Da-PHI...and will also help to delay Gala Harvest, and....Helps maintain Fruit Quality. This app can follow a ReTain app.

**\*\*\*\*If You're Watching ....** You Guys that did the Parka Program will be seeing dramatically less "Stem-End-Splitting" in Gala. In some Blocks this has been a serious issue for a few years. In those Blocks Parka will pay fir itself 8 - 10 Times Over...👍👏🙄😊

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Also...a ReTain App will likely help prevent some of that splitting...?? But not every time.... Findings have been 'variable'... And so are all the 'conditions' that are accused of contributing to this Splitting... always variable. The Rains... Crop-Load ... Fruit Size ... the Gala"Strain" .... It sure looks like most all the Gala Growers use quite a bit of ReTain...

**\*\*\*\* Q & A ... Worm Controls...** Hmm.... Getting Close with Da-PHI...

OK... Got \*\*BeltSC left ...?? Use it...14 Da.PHI....This is the last Season for Belt use. You cannot legally use it next year. \*\*Altacor = 5 Da.PHI... not good on A.Maggot or B.M.Stinkers ... \*\*Besiege[VoliamXpress]--21 Da.PHI==and not bad on A.M. and BMStinkers.... \*\*Delegate=7 Da.PHI... not so good on A.Maggot...nuthin on BMStinkers... \*\*Assail30SG..or Generic = 7 Da.PHI...Also has decent control on A.M. & BMSBs...

**\*\*\*\* Yeah.... Redox....** It doesnt seem to matter what Crop we go on with Redox Strategy.... Its pretty amazing. I have Comparison-Photos sent to me of Corn Root Systems that are just Far-Out-Crazy ..... and some Hydrangea !!!.... Flowers !!!!! Day-Night-Difference.... It just don't matter what Crop.

I think a major part of the "Program" is how these Products immediately start working on "Undoing-the-Damage" to our Soils that we have been doing for decades with the abrasive Granular-N-P-K's from 100 years ago... I'm lookin forward to this Off-Season---Winter Meetings.... where we will be learning--sharing a lot more Redox Strategy News.

They're coming with more "Organic-Products" ...?? Thats what I heard...

And...I'm wondering if they will have anything certified with EPA by Dec-Expo--or Winter Meetings. The "Mineral-Nutrition" thing and how it works for us in the Plant for certain Pests now has a lot of documentation.... I just dont know how long it takes with EPA-Registrations-Etc.... Its all really rollin in the right direction.

**\*\*\*\*Do You Sell any Processing Apples into New York...???**

You may be interested to know that Alicandro has a Pal in Clintondale N.Y. that has 3000 used 20-Bu-Wood-Apple-Bins==43" x 47" x 30" ....

...Asking \$20 ea....Jason Minard 914-213-8379 ..**No** ...I have not seen the Bins. They are not the common-size...which I think is 40" x 48" x 37" ...??

**\*\*\*\* Yup---Those \$\$\$Numbers\$\$\$** I quoted in Fridays FRNotes are certifiably Real ....from October - 2017 ....

I think the Honey\$\$Market\$\$ stayed really nice all that HoneyCrisp Season ...???

A lot of Faves made seriously astounding per-acre>Returns... But they had no BitterPit. The one Packer put a "Sample-Check-Pack" on the pallet in the Cooler and checked it 20 Weeks later for BitterPit... Zero=[-O-]-None.... 88 Ct.Tray-Pack-Honeys.... Zero Bitter-Pit... mid March-2018.

**Hope You Have a Great Week .....r**