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Hey--- A Very Rainy Thursday Morning... Looks like State-Wide.

Some Weather Stations say the Wetting Event started around 3am...
Way too much Rain here west of Sparta ... Just when the Orchard Floor was getting Workable....

**** **Worst-Case-Scenario.... Looking at the Forecast** MommaNature could actually mess with us some more by getting this Rain-Event to develop into a very ugly Scab-Scare... We Reeeeally need for Saturday to be really Nice with lots of Sunshine with a lite Breeze.... the Rains forecasted for tomorrow and Sunday & Monday....???

I'm lookin for an opportunity for later today to get a Center on....but the Wind is not looking very cooperative...
The worst that could happen is if somehow we had to hook some Wet-Events together....Not having enuf Dry-Time-Sun in between...

**** **Some say possible "1st-Bloom"** on some Varieties Monday-18th... 😞 I guessn with this forecast...Maybe just only a little bit around the Ridge...?? And...I noticed some saying Petal-Fall will likely be 12-14 Days later than Avg-Norm... Down in that SouthWest Michigan Corner they do have Bloom on Lots of Stuff... Alot

**** **Kopperts Bumble Bees....** Did all of You get what you needed...?? Tell Deanna if you still want some more...

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******Trees are Really Stressed & Upset** with the recent 3-4 Week Climate.... They will really like this Rain, especially when Temps get up towards 60* Gotta get them some Foliar-Nutrition... Remember Calcium in your Tank anytime now... Never Wasted...Especially on your Calcium Hogs.

**** **Some Experts ...Analyzing the State-Wide**-Apple-Crop...Think we might be down by only 5% - 10%.... 😞 ...because of the Bud-Stage most places. I'm thinkn they are being very optimistic. The Biggest Production is right here--Ridge--where Guys were getting some Low-Mid-Twenties in the last several days.

******And...Lots of Experts** reminding us right now that **Kudos 27.5WDG** at 'Pink' will reduce risk of FireBlight and also help stop Bitter-Pit. Cornells Data... 6 oz-**100 ga.** Water for FB....4-6 oz-**Ac.** for B.Pit-Prevent... There is definitely some Heat coming...

They are thinking "Full-Bloom" is about 7 Days-Behind-Avg-Normal... I guess I thot closer to 12 Days... 😞

All of them are talkn Foliar-Applied-Nutrition being very important right now... You Old-Guys.... Think back 30-40 Years...Foliar Nutrition never got this much 'Press'...We are getting seriously Smarter...

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**** 😊...**OnGoing Discussion...** Yup.... I was in front of 250 Growers at a Meeting in Yakima a few years back.... Showing them some of the Tank-Mixes we do here very successfully....while using only 20 ...or 40 - 50 GWA.... I was showing them that in our Tank-Mix most Guys start with **Indicate-5** and explained all the Job-Descriptions it handles.... and when they realized we had our **CS2005** Copper and "SuperPhites" in our Tank-Mix ...??? They were gasping for air.... 😱 horrified...😬 flabbergasted.... 😬 Appalled. So here... I'll give Ya this.... the "005" when comin straight out of the Jug is **Xxtreem Low pH**... and there are some 'Phites' that are very very Low pH. But those PNW Guys use a lot of water ...big GWA ... like 200 GWA....sometimes more. One Grower with Big-Ol-Sweet Cherry Trees was doin 320 GWA. I told them in Michigan we call that Irrigation. Point is.... If you're doin 1 Qt-Ac-"005" in a 500 ga.Tank...and doin 250 GWA.... then you're only putting 2 Qts. "005" in that Tank... Your pH isnt gonna move....wont even twitch.

ButIf you are doin 40 GWA---and 1 Qt "005"-Ac. and 3 Pints-per-Acre-RidgeCAL-**BPC**-Phite-Plus...😬??? Then I would not need the Indicate 5. I would use only the InSpray-90.... That RidgeCAL-**BPC** comes out of the Jug XxTreeem Low pH. It is made with a Real-Deal-Virgin-Phite, but **without any Potassium Hydroxide**.... while the Potassium Hydroxide in the Formula-II & the K-Phite is what brings them up to Neutral, and gives us a big poke of "K" If you look on Pg.67 in the E-154 you will see a Note "Do not acidify solutions containing Copper, PhosphorousAcid, or Bordeaux Mixtures" ...??? I gotta assume that this is for those Guys still using the old Painful-Sludge-Blue-Paint-Nozzle-Pluggn-

Coppers....?? 😬...and-or maybe some DogCrapCheap-Junk-Phites...??? 😬

....and as Hundreds of you have proven, and as I proved to myself 32 Years ago.... the Indicate 5 helps everything in the Tank play nice together....and ...It does everything.

For occasional additional Penetrating-Spreader-Sticker we sometimes add 1 Pt-100-InSpray-90....

Some of my PNW Pals use almost illegal-Hi-Rates of old-Sludge-Blue-Paint-Nozzle-Pluggn-DoNothin-Junk-Coppers and get clobbered every 2-3-4 years with F.Blight, to the extent that they BullDoze out the Block.... while some of my Smart-Money-Faves just down the road from them use 1 Qt-"005"-Ac...and have no F.Blight ever... and there's University Data all over the place... World Renowned Researchersall claiming huge success with "005" ...while showing huge embarrassing failures with all the other Coppers in their Side X Sides.... Amazing....

**** **Yup---Q&A...** Yes...Yesterday I mentioned the Use of Lorsban **4E**.... and Yes.... I am also putting the 8-10 oz-Ac-**PermUp** in that Tank...or **Asana... or Warrior**.... Most certainly one of those "**Roids**"

.... "Roids" is my new fun terminology for 'Pyrethroids' ... also referred to as Pyrethrins.... and they are all Sooooo LowCostCheap.

And Yup...the E-154 calls for only 2.5 oz-Ac-**Azomar** 30SG at T.C.-Pink... But the Azomar Label says we can do up to **8** oz-Ac-for SJSscale.... 2.5 - 4 oz-Ac-Aphids... I suggested 3-4 oz-Ac- PrePink-Appln....

😊... Enuf Rain **Thank You Lord** Plenty for NowThnx !! 🙏😊