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Friday Labor Day WeekEnd We'll Take It....

We got about 6/10ths last Night at Goodingand Wow !!! **What a Light-Show !!!!!**

....That Lightening was Bold & Constant ...On and On ...Very Cool.... and No Hail.

**** It Looks like we will get some *fairly decent Coloring Weather for Apples....*

But if you think you want to hang the Linda-Macs a bit longer...???

Do 1/2 Pouch ReTain Plus 1/2 Lb. Refine 3.5WSG per-Acre about 10-14 Days pre-harvest.

**** **CA-Lime....**Yes---If You Need only a couple Ton You can Pick it Up Here....Fruit Ridge

******How Long...???****Do** we need to keep Fly-Speck---PinHead-Scab---Sooty-Blotch Controls in the Tank...???

You are what ... 6?? --7 Weeks ??? ... away from Harvesting your latest 1 or 2 Varieties...??

Here's the thing... If we keep getting these "timely-showers" we are very susceptible to the F.Speck + Sooty....

And... Did you notice the Fog & heavy Dew this morning...?? Its Noon here and that Orchard Floor is still wet....Perfect for these Disease issues. And if you have any Scab at all in any Blocks, the PinHead can explode at any time.

With the Difference between Process and U.S.Extra Fancy...I'd be stayin Covered.... Maybe even a special Trip....2-3 weeks from now...??

******Looking** at some very nice 5-6-7-8 Yr-Old Apple Blocks that had severe Winter Damage and Wet-Foot-Phytophthora-Crown-Rot-Disease..... and where the Growers took some Forward-Thinking measures to save the Block ...Lookn dang Good. Without doing a actual certifiable count, I'm guessing 96% Saved Trees. Looks like they'll be fine and should come back strong - 2020..... Almost every one of those Operators did several VitaZyme Apps ...along with some other Wonder-Drugs.Reminds me ...VitaZyme Program does a PreHarvest Appln apprx 2 Weeks PreHarvest.

And I'm betting a bunch of VitaZyme gets used Post Harvest....

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****** Helping Bump-Up the Color Faster** The Redox Users are doing DiKaP on several Varieties On bigger Trees 2 Lbs.... Younger Blocks 1 Lb.

******Blues Grower Faves** down toward the SW-Corner-Michigan are already doing some Post-Harvest-Apps on some earlier Varieties.

Their Foliar Tank-Mix contains -- per-Acre...

1.5 Lb OxyCom Calcium

1.5 Lb DiKaP

3/4Lb TriPlex Micro

3 Pts FormulaII-SW

Their Ground applied thru Weed Sprayer-- per - Acre....

1 Lb DiKaP

1 Lb Rootex

... Talking with a Blues Grower that has been on Redox for 6 years now...

Says he is getting much better Yields and Quality now....huge Berries...with 40% the cost of Nutrition Inputs.

And for some reason, he did 3 Disease-Control-Fungicide Apps instead of the normal 8 Apps this Season.....which was a very tough Disease-Control-Season. Impressive.

If You get into a dilemma over the Long-Week-End and need something.... ??? Call Ron=616-437-0073

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We will be back in at 8 am Tuesday - Sept. 3

Have a Blessed Labor Day Weekend

