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Hey 11 am...the Rain is almost done here....But this is just crazy.

Some **Experts** claim the 'Jet-Stream' is now taking a different swing....
???

Maybe bringing us more Dry Air and more Summer-Like-Temps....
....but of course... Tomorrow is the 1st Day of Summer...☺☹ ...and the Longest Day of the Year !!

******Apple-Scab..... Amy Caught Zero [-0-] Spores on 1 Rod and 3 Spores on another Rod....**

Some Guys are Done... For them...?? It's Over.

Amy cannot make that Statement yet ...til the next Rain when I think she will catch all 'Zeros'....

It's a Safety-Factor-----a Catch-All.... As some Experts have claimed that when the Instruments only catch a dozen Spores, that there are KaZillions actually floating around the Orchard...???

****** I am Agreeing with those that are "Done"...**and now going to Post-Primary-Spray-Schedule, which is 1 Full-Cover every 2 Weeks. I strongly recommend doing the ****Alternate-Center-Strategy**** for the Summer Cover Sprays. Guys doing this just make it a Plan to go every Monday; then if the Wind or Rain isn't allowing it, they simply postpone til Tuesday... or Wednesday.

The key thing is, they just did a Center a Week ago... so its not like they're getting all chewed up by Insects because they're 2 weeks out.

And if they get a huge Rain on a Wednesday, after a **Full-Cover** on a Monday...??? Gone. Another justification for Alt-Centers.

I agree that in a Well-Pruned-65%-TRV-Block, that the Guys with these really efficient Sprayers, are getting nearly 90% Coverage with a Alternate Center Appln. On a Full-Production-Kinda-Thick Orchard with an older Sprayer, I have watched them get nearly 70% Coverage with an Alt-Center-App.

The alt-Center-Plan really is the best But it's critical to GittRDunn every Week.

****** Reminder.... New Young Huge-Investment-Blocks....**

Let's get these Youngns into the Profitability Column ASAP....

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These little Guys are very vulnerable to Weeds - Scab - Mildew
.... Aphids - LeafHoppers - More....

and it is seriously *Sooo Low-Cost-Cheap* to protect them.

*****Codling Moth** ... Some Blocks have have been Trapping & Catching ...OnGoing...and have been making Applns.

Amy set a Ridge-Sparta "**Regional-BioFix**" back on May 25-- @ 237 DD Base50

So... Just west of the 10-Ac-Trial-Block by my house, there is a 30 Ac-Apple-Block that has been abandoned ...for nearly 20 years...??? I guess whoever owns it is not from around here.

And in our Trial, I always try to use only the very Cheapest-Codling Moth-Control Products.... and of course some new products that nobody puts much faith in yet. And so it seems every year we can find some C.M.Damage on the west end of the Trial Block. I'll keep Ya posted....

*****It's 2pm**....Still Clouds... the **Sun** actually tried to peek thru.... Very Windy.

*****BioProtecPlus**.... **Yes**.... OMRI-Listed....Actually quite impressive.

Wherever you might consider using a "B.T."... You really need to look at this one.

This stuff is like a B.T. on Steroids. You need to use a B.T. at more than the highest recommended rate to get anywhere near close to the performance of this stuff at the Medium Rate. Use BioProtecPlus at 2 - 2.5 Pints-Acre....for **\$15** - \$18-ac. As you know, some of the 'B.T.s' are \$30 or more-per-Acre...???

It's pretty Broad-Spectrum ... All the different Pests they have good activity on 7 different LeafRollers, 5 'Moths' including Codling, WebWorm, lots of Caterpillars, CankerWorm, PeachTwig Borer... CutWorms, the FruitWorms, Shuckworm...more.

Good Stuff Cheap....

o Da.PHI4 Hr.REI ...No Seasonal Limit for total amount applied....

*****Alicandro is Reminding** his Disciples to be prepared for the 'Post-Bloom' **Return-Bloom-Spray-Program**....

and.... the late-Season Post-Harvest Return-Bloom-Spray, especially for their HoneyCrisp.

Tools are **VitaZyme.... **NAA.... **Ethephon/Ethrel.

*****That Very Cool Summer Fruit Grower Tour** in *Wayne County New York*, the Largest Apple Growing County in the USA, is gonna be Wednesday **Aug. 7th**....

This is Alicandros 21st Annual Tour.

*****Our Fruit Ridge Fest**Here at 14050 Fruit Ridge Ave - Kent City -- is gonna be Friday - July 26

Best Regardsr