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**Good Monday Morning to All of You !!!** ❄️❄️

...the **23rd** of March. I remember 1 Spring when we were applying our 2nd ScabiCide Cover on Mar. 23....

I'm thanking our Gracious God for His stall-tactics with the Weather. 🙏😊😊 ...Only 4 of the next 10 Days are expected to be up in the **Low** 50s, with lots of **Cool** Nights.

**\*\*\*\* Yup...Captan 80... CapToZeb ...MagnaBons CS2005 ...  
... the Back-Bone of our Scab & F.Blight & Disease  
Control Program.**

And as Ya'll have proved for yourselves and also seen in many of our Trials, the **Formula-II-SW** & **K-Phite7LP** & **SAver** all have very important positions in our Strategy.

For all Crops... Tree Fruit, Small Fruit, Vegetables... the Super Phites are a huge asset to our Program.

Ya'll remember the original "Phite" ...a Wettable Powder... without any Potassium in it... recommended at 5 lbs-Ac... costing apprx \$60-Ac... ??? ...and Tank-Mixes with almost nothing... I dont think that stuff is even compatible with itself... I highly UnRecommend it. You can do over 4 Apps @ 2 Qt-Ac-Each of the Super-Phites Formula-II-SW or K-Phite-7LP for less than \$60.

And ...Stay away from all Oils... Stay very far away from Captans for 21 Days with Oils... thats 21 Days Front & Back... So....Just plan on No Oils Ever... like Never.

**\*\*\*\* Yes... SAver ...**

...Contains the Salicylic Acid.... When compared to the amount-A.I.-Acre of S.A. in SAver and the one recommended in the E-154...??? Our SAver Costs the Equiv of 1 - 16oz. Draft Craft IPA at Big Joes... while the one in the E154 is \$53-Acre. I very highly UnRecommend it.

The **SAver** also delivers a Super-Nutrition-Package... 🙏👍🙏 ...the SA is just an "Inert" ingredient !!!

**\*\*\*\* Dr. Dave Rosenberger ...Cornell... Hudson Valley Lab...**

Several of You recall hearing about his Research over the years. He is retired now, but still shows up to give encouragement and help out where he can. And some of you that are Subscribers to **agr.news** noticed a recent mini-essay by Rosenberger ...somewhat of a warning to us

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all about some newer Pesticides that cost all the money... He says Buyer Beware. He says some do nothing except Reduce Profits. He says some actually damage the Crop Quality. And he says some do perform like we expected and do what we paid *All-the-Money* for.

You all likely remember ..about 4 years back... how Jeff Alicandro was so hugely upset with DuPonts "*Dont-Tell-Us*" ...??? ...the *Fontelis* that contains a certain Oil, that wasn't defined on the Label...?? ...and a bunch of Growers Tank-Mixed it with Captan and then had huge big Russet on the Fruit...??? It was ugly... really bad ugly... 😞 😞 complete with LawSuits Ugly....

\*\*\*\* **Walk Before You Run....** We hear that alot.... I know of certain scenarios where Guys Tank-Mixed perfectly good choices of Pesticides & PGRs... but also with some LowQualityCrapUglyHiPriced SnakeOil Nutritional they got talked into, and then end up shoveling cottage cheese... 😞 😞 😞 Many of our Smart Money Pals are discreetly Famous for their technical expertise in Tank-Mixing 12 or more Products in their Control Strategy, all of which work synergistically for the Crop to flourish with great Yields & Quality.

One "Key-to-Success" they all have in common...??? The 1-Pt-100-Ga-Indicate 5 plus 1-2 Pt-100-Ga-InSpray-90... 😞

\*\*\*\***You can Likely Tell...???** I have been on the Road a lot lately... The DeeTeam says things are really Rockn & Rollin .... Pesky Frost-Law-Weight-Restrictions are hindering normal Full-Truck-Load Deliveries... Normal challenges to work thru... Lots of Deliveries being made via Matthew and Crew... and....

As is the case with most all of you...??? We are proceeding with caution and continuing Bizz-as-Usual around the big National Virus Concerns. Visiting with several of you, I like your opinions that we are going to be back to almost Normal in a few weeks...?? And that the Stock Market will be over 30,000 by the 4th of July... 😊 👍 🙌

Sure Hope You All are Embarking on a Meaningful Week of Accomplishments....