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# Fruit Ridge Notes

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### Hey Pals... Last Day of March...

Maybe my recollection is not completely accurate...?? ...But I thot  
March "Came in like a Lamb" ...??

So.... Looks to me like March is goin out also 'like a Lamb'...??? 😞 😞

So ....the 'Ol Adages' hold true almost only quite a bit ... ??  
After Tomorrow, that average High-Temp is hangn right around 60°F for  
apprx a Week... 😞

...which should pile-up some DegreeDay Accumulation ....

\*\*\*\* **As Soon as You Can ...** After you see some *1st-Crack-Green*  
Exposed in 1/2 your Apple Varieties in a given Block, go ahead and do  
your 1st Alternate-Center-Appln.

Keep in mind... In Smaller-Hi-Density-Low TRV-Blocks...you only  
need 12g - 25g of Water-Acre...[GWA] ....and Go Slow.  
If you don't have any On-Going-Infection-Conditions, then you are doing  
a Protectant-Appln. Do 1 Qt-CS2005 plus 16-24 oz Captan80 and 16-24  
oz EBDC[Fortuna/KoverAll/Manzate] per-Acre. If you are feelin some  
Infection-Pressure, or if you were diligently fighting Scab in that Block all  
last Summer...?? Then do the Full-Rate-**CapToZeb** 2.5Lb.Captan80 and  
3 Lb.EBDC...with a Lower Rate-Ac-"**005**"

\*\*\*\* **If Your Situation ...** Dictates that you do Full-Rate-CapToZeb....  
then you can reduce your "**005**" Rate-per-Acre to 16 - 24 oz.....but keep  
in mind that your Systemic "**005**" is doing Sooo Much more than your  
CapToZeb ...including FireBlight protection ...as you are systemically  
building up that Trees Defenses. Plan to use a Total of 8 pints "005"  
between now and 2nd Cover. It fights All the Apple Diseases all Summer.  
And Yes...If you want, you can use it in 12 or more Applns. Trials prove  
you will be squeaky clean. And Yes... "005" is OMRI-Listed....Organic  
Guys Love it ....

\*\*\*\* **Those HoneyCrisp Trees for Sale** ...??? ...are Honey Crisp  
"Royal Red" on NIC29 Root Stock... *not* EverCrisp. They are out of C&O--  
Wenatchee.... Delivery for Spring-2021 ... **10,000** Trees - not 20,000  
.... Jeff---231-747-0620 Jawor Blueberry Guys.... Sorry for my Details-  
Glitch... 😞

\*\*\*\* **Yup---Keep 'Mineral-Oil-Containing-Fontelis'** away from  
Captan Apps.... Very far away...

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**\*\*\*\* Yup... Later On...** When the Tree Canopy thickens, and Fruit Clusters develop, you do need to Spray with more GWA. On the same Low-TRV-HiDensity Blocks where 12 - 20 GWA was more than adequate at HIG and TC...and even OpenCluster... you'll likely want 20-35 GWA towards Bloom... Bigger Trees up to 50-70 GWA.... One major Key-Factor is Ground-Speed... Huge Factor. Go Slower.

What I consider the Perfect Progression with GWA from  
**\*\*Early to \*\*Mid to \*\*Summer...???**

A--12-20 Gal B--20-35 Gal C--35-55 Gal .....for the average sized Blocks we see around the Ridge Area....

**\*\*\*\* No ...You Never** need more than 1 Qt - Ac - CS2005

.... Unless you are spraying with 100-200-300-GWA....Which Nobody does..... except for 1 Sweet Cherry Guy I know near Yakima... He does 250 Gallon-Water-Acre.... Irrigation... 😊

**\*\*\*\* So.... What's Your Fruit Buyer** saying about Lorsban/Chlorpyrifos4E...???

Your PreBloom-Insecticides Decisions are gonna be made very soon. Full Pink is actually later than we like for that "Balls-to-the-Wall-Insecticide-Appln" ... TC & OpenCluster is perfect...

Your Main Targets are.... \*\*SJS... \*\*Woolies... \*\*Rosies... \*\*SawFly... \*\*StemBorer... \*\*TarnishedPlantBug...

Important---Can You safely use Chlorpyrifos4E and/or Diazinon without jeopardizing your Fruit Sales to your Fave Buyers..?? We All need to be Aware... Gotta Know and assume that these chemistries can and will be detected if we use them.

...So... Can You..???

If so ....

I'd be doin Full-Rates of Each Chlorpyrifos and Diazinon. Why..?? Because their Days are Numbered. Even for our own "Fresh-Farm-Market-Use" where no Big Buyers-Brokers-Chain-Stores are involved. These excellent Tools will disappear. If there's any way you can use them, Id be doin it... You-Me-Us all know these are just perfectly fine for Human Consumption ....They have been for 45 Years.... No "Danger" to anyone ...

.....my opinion .....

The only LoudMouthWeirdos that are makin a stinky Issue of these old dependable OPs are uninformed kids that do not understand anything ...except hearing themselves make noise.... They seriously pissmeoff....

Oooooo Baby 😬..... Got myself kinda worked up there .... 😞

Warmest....