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Fruit Ridge Notes from Ron Reister C.C.A.

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A Beautiful Monday Morn.... Hope You All had a Good Weekend...
Gonna get Warm ....Real Warm.... They're Talkin all **80's** all Week....
Saturday & Sunday expected in the Mid-Hi-**70**'s...then back to the **80**s.... Some Precip later today...**T**-Storms Wednesday.
Winds Today-Tues-Wedn expected in the 12-14mph range....10 mph after that ....
This Season...since April 1.... almost 11 inches Rain ... 🙄
Last Year ...with All the Brutal-Scab-Infections & Mud...??? Only 8.5 Inches...🙄

**** **Thinning Concerns....** Several Guys Seeing viable solid Kings with some solid Side-Blooms.... Some Folks seeing no Kings but good solid Sides.... I personally have seen solid Kings with viable Sides and No Kings with Good Sides...On the same Tree...
So.... I agree with All that are scratchin their heads....
One thing I always try to remind Everyone of... **Sevin**-Carbaryl is ***Not*** necessarily a "Mild-Thinner" .... And some Guys use a Reeeaally Hi-Rate.... and then when they get Temps in the 80s, they really seriously Drop Fruitlets.... A Lot.... Serious Droppage.
A InSpray-90 [1 Pint-per-100-Ga.] or Regulaid makes your Sevin work even Better-Harder...
Honey Crisp is of course the Worst...because of the huge ***$$Impact$$*** the wrong choice rewards us with...😖
Ridge-Guys have had pretty good results with **Refine 3.5WSG [NAA]** TankMixed with Sevin[Carbaryl] ...This Combo will not promote huge Fruit..... But be Careful with these Forecasted Temps.
And Yup...All the **NAA** products are still All "'**4 oz-per-100-Ga=10 ppm**"'
**** **And...Watching you Guys** the last several years...??? Being all done with All Hand Thinning well **before the 4th** of July is for sure Waaaay Huuuge better than finishing later.
And....the most solid *"Return-Bloom"* Strategy...??
Endorsed by Jeff Alicandro.... ****V**itaZyme.... ****R**efine 3.5WSG[NAA].... ****M**otivate [Ethephon] ....Details to Follow....
**** **Yes...When You Notice** my Mentions of the *Cost per-Acre* of some of the Newer-Big-Name-Chemistries...??? Those are costs calculated with using the Hi-Side- Rates...

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You & Others have proven to me that the Low-Med-Rates wont do the job 90% of the time....So I am comparing the Rates necessary to get even close to the Performance you get with Tank-Mixing some of the older Faves ...that are **Costing** You ***Half the $$$per-Acre$$$***....

****** Warmer-Drier-Climes...** Well...Almost ...
We did indeed have some serious Rains not too far back... 11 Inches since April 1.
But some Guys already asking about Dust-Controls....
Remember .... *Warm-Dry* is conducive for increased Bitter-Pit-Incidence in Honeys.... All B.Pit.Prone Varieties....
If you have 3 Good-Shots-Calcium on Your Honeys at this point, you are right-on-task... Keep them coming 7 Days apart...
1 Qt-Ac-MainStay-Ca-**S.I.**.... 3-4 Pint-Ac.**Ridge-CalBPC**-PhitePlus.... 3-4-5 Pint-Ac-**FoliCAL**...
You Doin a lot of Acres...?? Wanna cut the cost-a-smidge...??
Ask Deanna about Bbls and Totes of the these Calcium Products....

****** Still Another Reminder... Especially with the Predicted-Hi-Temps....**
Stay Well Protected against FireBlight.... all this vigorous-New-Shoot-Growth...the Rag-Tag-Bloom... It's All over the Place.
Keeping 1 - 2 Pint-Acre Systemic '"**005**"' Bactericide-Fungicide is a superb choice for Protectection. Most of you reading this right now have determined over the Years that you get *No-Ill-Effects*....and *All-Good-Results* when doing the '"**005**"'... and so now you are using it on All Varieties...As much as You Want.... anytime You Want...
Yes.... Probably 100 Guys now just here in Michigan alone .... Have proven to themselves **and** their Neighbors... that the '"**005**"' delivers Clean-Fruit ....No Russet...Less Russet than adjacent Blocks in their SideXSides.... and they started this "Proof-Process" Years ago...on Processing-Blocks and Young Blocks that had a few apples on... Proof-Positive....Walking before they Ran...

****** Yup---Only Four [4] Apple-Scab Infections** at the Sparta-North-Station so far 2020.... All Heavy Infections...Symptoms of Ugliness appearing Now from Infections April 28.... May 14 ....May 17 ....
....and from May 27-Infection--Expect Symptoms June 5... Praying Ya'll find Zero-Ugly... 🙏
😖2ndary Scab is 'Costly Drudgery'...😟