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Hey Agri-Industry Friends... Hoping this Note Finds You Happy & Well...

The **WunderGround 10-Day** calling for big cold Wind Today ... Acupla days of Sunshine Fr-Sa-Su-Monday... significant Rain possible Tues thru Saturday... Some 60+*F Temps Sunday thru Wednesday.... Lows around 30*F Friday-Saturday...then all around Low 40's for a week.

Yup---Yesterday's FRNotes ended abruptly...my Home-Office-Computer was acting goofy...so the Gals at the Main Office just sent out to you what I had ready... 😊

*****Follow-Up... Affirmative**...In 2 of the last 3 Springs during Primary-Apple-Scab-Season, we have had a brutal-ugly-Weather Scenario for several Days in a Row....High Winds...Warm Rains Reeaaally Long Infections/Multiple Infections.... and many Guys were in a costly war. The Growers I talk to frequently had the same Weather, but stayed focused on their Plan A...

a] Alternate Centers every 3-4 days getting 1 CompleteCover-per-week.

b] If they see that the forecast calls for Ugly, they get that next Center on a bit early.

c] They got that next Center on ASAP... If their days were stretched, they got their Centers caught up ASAP. They always ended up with their 2-Alt-Centers for each Week....even if they ended up doing 3 alt-Centers in 6 Days.

d] Some made this work out 100% Scab-Free with only using "**005**"

With that minimal foliage to blow thru early on, those Alt-Centers get us 90-100% Coverage with each Alt-Center.

Also...When we get to FullBloom...we need a CapToZeb type Scab-Protectant-Plan with our "**005**" ...We proved that the Systemic"**005**" does not have the Protectant on the tiny Fruitlet tissue as it does on the Foliage.

*** **Yup--Thnx...**

Shoulda mentioned when talking about the Tart Cherry Leaf Spot Control Options... We had a few Guys in NW-Michigan that were very upset with the lack of

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performance of the FlintExtra at the 3.8-oz-Ac-Rate... You'll notice MSU rates it 'E' & 'G'-'E' for Leaf Spot and Brown Rots.... 😞😞 but a few Folks strongly disagree.

**** **Michigan** Seasonal-Frost-Laws-Weight-Restrictions-Speed-Limits still on.... You can tell by the Trucks all doin about 48 mph instead of 69 mph on the "Class B"-Back Roads... 😊😊 Some Pals are guessin 2-3 weeks yet..??

**** **Question ...No...** We haven't Recommended "Oils" for 30 Years... No Oils--None--Ever.... There's a list of Good Reasons to Avoid Oils.

**** **Organic** production ... Lime-Sulfur Fungicide..?? I kinda like it...for Organic...but only if I have had serious Control Issues.

**** **Fontelis** ... Most Folks have *forgiven* this Manufacturer for not telling them it has **Oil** in it.... A bunch of good Growers really got scorched with Russet when they put this with or close to Captan a few years back... I havent liked it since... Oil... 😞😞😞😞

******Ziram**.... Lots of Zn... Only a bit more money than the Fortuna-EBDCs... not really as strong as Fortuna[EBDC] for Scab..??? But...Good for lots of Diseases.... Only big reason to consider the extra-cupla-bucks is because we can make a CapToZirm with it... to save on our Seasonal-Limit of EBDCs-Fortuna.... and... it also goes well with your "**005**"....

Gods Peace....r

