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A Very Cold Tuesday Morning Between 6a & 7a at Sparta Station = 28°F...

Yesterday...Right after I sent the FRNotes I noticed some Snow in the Air... 😞 ...and then I got a Photo from a Fave Grower Pal planting Gras...where the tilled Soil was white with Snow.... 😞 May 11th....

But...Forecasters are saying a Broad-Spectrum-**Warming** Trend ...Talkn 80s* ...like 8--12 Days from now. And...Including Today, WunderGround is claiming 7&1/2 Days out of Next 10 Days with SunShine.

****** The Development Stages ...** in all Tree-Fruits will really take off like a rocket starting tomorrow....

In Apples... We will be staying very ahead of the Scabbies....

As dejected or discouraged and POd as we get with this

ColdCrazyClammyCrapClimate...???... the Scabbies really enjoy it.

Some Guys Guesstimating the Over-All-Michigan Apple-Crop might be 40% - 55% of a Full Crop...??? Even if its more or less we will of course try very diligently to stay Scab-Free.

Not only is the trustworthy '**CapToZeb**' the strongest Trump-Card in Your Hand... It is also the most Low-Cost-Effective choice ... It has the best of all-features of Protectant Qualities.... and if you were ever needing a "Reach-Back" Eradication-Tool, you get as good as anything else with your CapToZeb. Others make claims.... quite brazenly ...still making claims, even tho so many Growers have been seriously Scabbed in very recent years [like last year] when using those very Pricey-Newer-Chemistries.... those Hi-Cost-Non-Performers.... Several Growers wont be doing those again. Wouldn't Ya hink if those Hi-Cost-Products are gonna perform less impressively than CapToZeb, and they want you to run a CapToZeb-Type-Protectant-Tank-Mix with them...???? ...that they should be about \$10-Acre instead of \$32 - \$47...???

At your "Maintenance-Rate" of **2.5** Lbs Captan 80 Tank-Mixed with **3** Lbs-EBDC-[Fortuna-Penncozeb-Manzate-Mancozeb-KoverAll]...Your Per-Acre-Cost is about \$16...??

If you get into a Hi-Pressure-Situation, simply increase your Captan 80WDG rate to 5 Lbs-Acre. If you think due to Winds or too much Rain that you have some UnProtected

Spots...??? Increase your Intervals.... Keeping in mind that you should never need more than 2 - Alternate-Centers-per-Week. History dictates whenever we keep caught up with the 2-Centers-Week-Strategy, we have no Scabbies. You can leave your EBDC-Rate at 3 Lb-Ac.... The Captan is the Trump-Card for Burn-Out-Eradication. Last Year where there was established 2ndary Scab, the 5 Lb-Ac-Captan 80WDG stopped it ...with 5 Apps....or less.

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I try not to beat this Mule too much...??? But with last Seasons bountiful Residual-Inoculum...and this Spring being almost seemingly too Easy for Scab-Control...??? I'm just afraid there is gonna be a couple Guys with the 2ndary Symptoms starting to show uplike in 5-6-7 Days.... 🙄

**** Will This be One of Those Years... 🙄...???

When we endure very few maybe zero serious Threats of Fire-Blight...???

Hmmm... Right now...I'm thinkn of the ForeCasters Comments that we are gonna see some 80°F Days in 8-12 Days...??? And I'm wondering is that maybe gonna be right during Bloom....??? 🙄

But...This doesnt need to be a big deal.... just get your 1 - 2 Pints-Ac-CS2005 into that CapToZeb Tank-Mix for the next 2 Apps. Growers that have seriously used & watched the performance of "005" claim that they just do not have any F.Blight Issues since they've been keeping the **MagnaBon"005"** in the Tank a few times early-Season.

**** Cheap & Hard-Workn "**Propiconazole**" Yup ... Love it. Its a Good-Ol-Boy-"**S.I.**" Chemistry that still works well...under several Names... i.e."Tilt"... "Orbit"... "Topaz"... "PropiStar"... "PropiMax"... "PropiCure"... and maybe 10-12 more... And... There are at least as many 'PreMix' Products I really like that contain Propiconazole mixed with Strobies...and several other good-Ol-Fungicides. This stuff apparently is a absolutely wonderful Formulation-Partner for the Manufacturers...??? Most **All Berry-Growers** should be using this XtreamCheap-Hi-Efficacy Fungicide"**Marazo**" Max-per-Season... 5 Apps @ 6 oz.-Ac.... Stone Fruits-- 5 Apps @ 4 oz-Ac... Also Labeled for Nearly every Veggie I can think of ...Grain Crops.... at varying Rates... "**Marazo**" is our Fave Propiconazole....Comes in 2 x 2.5gal...

And **No**... Not on Apples.... Years ago it was fine...but lately it keeps getting more & more & more **UnRecommended** for Apples. So.... For a Good-Ol-Boy-Low-Cost-"**S.I.**"-Chemistry in Apples, use Tebuconazole.... Teb 45DF Use 6 Apps @ 8 oz-Ac... But be done with Teb45DF by end of Primary-Scab-Time-Frame....as it has a 75 Da.P.H.I..... Theres also a Liquid "Toledo 3.6F" Teb-Product Labeled on Veggies and a Long-List of Other Crops.... Marazo and Tebucon45 and Toledo are all labeled for several different Disease Pests.... Alot.... But on Apples you are mainly using Teb for Mildew.

Keep Lookn Up.... Our God Wins.....