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Greetings & Salutations... Sorry I Missed Ya Yesterday ... On the Road...

I have the *WunderGround* Site dialed in for *Sparta*... and they're saying 6 of 10 Days with Sun...

Chance of Showers Mon-Tues & Friday-7th...

Calling for mid-30*s early tomorrowAM... the 10-Day-Temps all pretty nice ...Highs hangn around mid-60*s...Sunday 72*... the Lows mostly in the 40*s.

....Wow....Really Windy right now....

No Scabbies... Currently..... But Remember ...as we approach Pink-Early-Bloom... the Spore Maturity Levels reeeaally gets revved up to the high-point... So we pray for some quick substantial Down-Pours that promptly dry off... discharging KaZillions of Spores and yet not being wet long enuf to infect...

.....We're seriously hoping nobody gets caught Unprotected going into a possible 60 - 80-Hour-On-Off-Rain-Wind scenario.... Wherever there was any Scab in the last year or 2....It is always harder to stay clean...

Some Guys that got caught last year ended up chasing SecondaryScab all Summer long.... brutally Ugly....brutally costly.

Remember that the "'005'" controls Scab ...all by itself..**But** *It doesn't* work systemically on the Fruit Tissue like it does on the Foliage..!!!!... Use the CapToZeb plus 1 pint-Acre "'005'" ...unless you haven't had "'005'" in your tank very much already..???...then do **1 Quart-Acre**...for F.Blight.

BloomTime is not only a higher Risk for Scab, but with any Hot-Humid-Weather we need to be protected for FireBlight-Infection. Keep the "'005'" in the Tank-Mix.... and... Keep some Strep on the Shelf... Be ready with **1 pint''005'' plus 1 - 1.5 Lbs.Strep** Tank-Mix- Appln.... If you have a high-percentage-Strep-Resistant-Inoculum, add 1 Lb Mycoshield. And remember the SAR **SAver**... 1 - 1.5 Pints-per-Acre.... 3-4 Apps

As We Speak.... **Right Now** in WayneCounty-N.Y....They are in the middle of several Rains...all connected making a HUUUuge Infection.... substantial Rains.... Peak ScabAscospore Discharge..... Lots & Lots of brand-new Foliage.... Just Ugly.

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Right About Now.....Is when some Folks around the general Ridge Area, might possibly see some ScabSymptoms generated from the April 8th--70-Hour-Span-Infection....

Yup...Kasumin is still considered the Biggest-Gun for FireBlight...Use Rate--MSU-E-154-- 2 Qts-per-100-Ga. Some Guys do 2 Qts-Acre... Dont use Kasumin after Petal-Fall...

*Strep is still Rated Excellent wherever there is no Resistant Inoculum... *MycoShield Rated "G"... *BlossomProtect Rated "G"... and the ***Kudos** plus ***InSpary-90** is Rated **E**xcellent by Hundreds of Honey Crisp Growers in the NorthEast U.S....

But....Remember that too much Kudos [or Apogee]... with too many Apps can hinder Return Bloom... Talked with a Fave that was doin 1 Lb. Kudos ... several apps... and even his Galas didn't come back... !!!!!... The best results I have heard in the last cupla Years is using 3-4 oz-Kudos-Acre in 6 Apps starting at Pink... keeping 8-10 days between Apps.

Where we have the Non-Cropping-Honeys we just do a more intense 'Return-Bloom' Program... including 3 - 4 Apps Refine [NAA] @ 3-4-5 oz-Ac--with InSpray-90...that's after the 'Thinning-Period' ends... at apprx 5 Weeks...& 7 Weeks...& 9 Weeks after FullBloom... Also ... Stay tuned for helpful hints for using Summer Applns Motivate [Ethephon] for Return-Bloom-Help...

Yes...I got that Flyer too.... But... I know nothing about ""Plantskydd"" Deer Repellent...??? It looks like a Dried Blood product derived from Pigs and/or Cattle... 🤢...???... Remember "Tankage"...???...putrefied meat scraps...??? If you ever used it you'd remember... Horrific Odor... I'm thinkn kinda like the same theory.... But Tankage is a horrible-hands-on-laborious-process... this Plantskydd you spray on... Let me know if you try it and like it...

For Severe-Bird-Damage-Prevent, I've never ever found anything so consistently effective as **Avian**Control... My Blues Faves spray it 2 - 3 apps... No Bird Damage. Avg Cost-per-Acre...???...less than \$20.....

Wow... A Grower-Pal just told me his BeeKeeper wanted to bring the Bee's.... I guess for some locations it's almost time...???... But some Guys are still wanting to get another Center of Insecticide on... 🤔 🤔

Happy Friday