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**Hey .... 4-4-2020 ...**

**So...** I've almost kinda pretty much stopped enjoying the quiet weirdness of this *Self*-Containment 😊 ....

*'Self'* being aided by the Gov-Agencies "Stay-Home-Demands" ... 😊

...Spending some Time at Dads Barn .... Cleaning .... Fixin-Up acupla things we wanted to do 😊...

Still enjoying the Companionship of my Bride of nearly 51 Years 😊🙏🍌....

Yes...Seriously ....She still graciously tolerates me... 😊

And...

**Another Warm Sunny Day Yesterday ....** More & More Green Exposed in Apples....

Today's culpa Showers in acupla spots..??

It should take close to 18 Hrs of Wet at these Temps to be an "Scab-Infection Issue" ...?? And....Forecasters say Rain done by Noon...???

Watchin my Radar...Looks like they might be right...??? How bout by You...???

Alicandro says they are in their 1st Scab Infection in Wayne County area...

He says"Apple Scab Ascospores absolutely thrive in really cool crappy conditions just like this."

Hey--Tomorrow should be Sunshine and 60\* again ...

\*\*\*\* **"Remind me...Whats 1st Crack Green again...???"** **So....** If you walk thru your 'Ridge-Area' Orchard today, you should, on some Varieties, see both Green Tip, and some *1st Crack Green*. When you look at a Puffed-Up-Bud and see that its cracked open on the end, and you can see Green inside that crack.... Thats "*1st Crack Green*"... Thats just as vulnerable to the Ascospores finding it as the Green Tip. Thats why you are seeing your Neighbor out doing an "Alternate-Center"....

Some Guys had a touch of Scab last Season, and some Guys had way too much.... So...where we might normally have 100s-of-Millions of Ascospores floating around searching for a bit of 'Green'...We now have 100s-of-Billions...or Trillions. They are naturally drawn to that Green like a Magnet. And as we get closer to 'Full-Spore-Maturity'...it just means more Spores...

**Wherever** I see any Green....I'd be getting my 1st Alternate-Center-Scab-I-Cide applied as soon as I can.... Coming back with that 2nd-Center in 3-4 Days. Should I feel some 'pressure' concerning this Appln-Timing ..?? Just a Little maybe... Maybe not....

Should I feel Huge Pressure about this...??? ...Dont really think so... Not in the Sparta Area....

Alicandro..."Those Leaf-Invading-Roots-'Mycelium' of the fledgling Scab-Ascospores do not easily desiccate during Cool & dry or even on again/off again Snowy Intervals."

😊 Jeff Alicandro also said..."Where could You possibly be Safer today than in a Rural Isolated Enclosed Air-Filtered Cab enveloped in a Copper Fungicide Drift..???" 🙌🍌😊

\*\*\*\* **By All Means .... Yup ...** The Canker-Tank-Mix Discussed Yesterday for in Peaches.....???

...Can&Should be used in all Stone-Fruit-Disease-Control-Strategies....

The BigNationalRetailer[BNRs] guys will almost always be only talkn to Ya's

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about the Newer Chemistries.... those costing \$35 - \$45 - \$55 per-Acre...while only targeting 1 or 2 Pests !!! I highly UnRecommend that for a "OnGoing-Program" ...You'll end up investing 2-3-4 times more per acre with very disappointing lack-luster results... 🙄 ...a very poor ROI...

Keep watch in MSU-E-154 ...looking for those older products that are still strong on several Disease/Insect-Pests.... even tho they might be weak on a certain specific Pest. You can Tank-Mix a multitude of these older chemistries with excellent results.

... Just look at a bunch of the so-called "New" products that the Manufacturers are coming out with today that are simply combining 2 or 3 old Fave-Chemistries !!! You can do this .... Yourself.... for less costs....

**\*\*\*\* Q & A... Yes ...Earlier is Better...** Like QIG - HIG is better than Later ...for PreBloom-Insecticide-Applns.

What I call "Later" is being close to Pink...

Your SJS and Woolies Targets can be better controlled Early..... In a perfect World you could do full-2-Qt-Ac-Chlorpyrifos 4E and also, with a 2nd-Ride-Along-Appln with a Scab-I-Cide you would do a Diazinon... that's in a Perfect World.

But....The DoGooderBugHuggers have made it tough on you and your Fruit Buyers by inciting un-necessary and un-called-for hysteria among the Huge-Food-Retailers causing them to tell your Fave-Produce-Sales-Folks that they wont accept Fruit Treated with these honorable old Organo-Phosphate Chemistries. So .....

Here's some Options that of course cost 'All-the-Money'....

--- 5 oz - Ac - Esteem 35WP === Apprx \$42

--- 14 oz-Ac- SivantoPrime 200SL === Apprx \$35

--- 34 oz-Ac- Centaur 70WG === Apprx \$60

....compared to the beloved Great-Era & Legacy of OPs @ \$16-Ac... 🙄🙄🙄🙄🙄 ...and they did Soooo much more .....

**\*\*\*\* Yup...That Saver and K-Phite-7LP I talked about Friday**

...Was Indeed a Huge Remedy in stopping the "Greening" in the Florida Citrus. You got any Pals involved in the Spray-Program in Citrus-FL...??? Ask them

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And.... Remember another of the Products from Ed Browns Company 'Plant Food Systems' .... the Sizer XL... for Reproductive-Nutrition-Fruit Size-Fruit Quality....on StoneFruit--Blues--Apples--all Berry Crops..... Do 3-4 Qts very Early Bloom...Again PetalFall...and 1st Cover.

Keep in mine this is all during these Times of our 2-Alt-Centers-per-Week...and we have lots of Opportunities to get these Apps on .....a perfect Low-Cost-supplement to our Redox Strategy.....

Remember .... We are no longer throwin Ton\$-of-Fund\$ down that traditional N-P-K-Bulk-Blends-Rat-Hole....

...We have "**Stopped-the-Hi-Priced-Bleeding**" ..... 👍🍏🍌🍌🍌

Now we are doing the appropriate Timely-Feeding at minimal-out-of-pocket-costs...

Looks like its done Rainin....

Warmest .....