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**Hey ... A Beautiful 1st Saturday in May...
...and Wow--Yesterday was so Gorgeous ...**

☹️ I've been doin plenty of those Zoom-Web-Meetings Lately ☹️
.....and Gettn plenty sick of this '*Status-Quo-Crap*' ...

But ... It is another Beautiful Day ... Always *Sooo* Much to be Thankful for !!!

****** Those Blocks Where You are kinda Uneasy** about your current-status-Scab-Control....

Remember the fiercely-brutally-ugly Scab-Attack in 2019... and that the MagnaBon™ **005**™ worked extremely well all by itself ... *Systemically*... No other Copper product on the Planet works Systemically.... There are some that say they do ... I've heard them saying it... 😊👍 ...but they have no Researchers saying that its actual factual....

005™ controlled Scab all by itself last year.... we used *No other Scab-I-Cides* and stayed *Scab-Free* on all Varieties.... and then around early-1st Cover Time, we could find some Scab on some Red Delicious Fruitlets...But *None on the Foliage* !!!!! All other 8 Varieties ..?? No Scab...Zero.

☹️ So... If I'm nervous about my Control in a certain Block....I'm doin 1 Qt **005**™ with a Bumped-Up-Rate CapToZeb.

Anda Bunch of my Smart Money Pals are adding in 1 Lb-Ac DiKaP Nutrition... And...Where you have had a serious losing battle with BitterPit....Its not to early for some Calcium.

****** Yes.... We Try to be Done** with all the ButtKickr Insecticides before Full-Pink. The Pink-Timing for killing the Targets is just fine..but the more time we have between that Appln and Open-Blooms the better Open Blooms means Bees visiting...

So... Late-Tight-Cluster-Early-Pink is the best for our serious Insecticides. Right now there's Varieties that are still T.C.

And Yes.... Another ButtKickr Old School Good-Performer I failed to mention lately... is *Lannate*90SP... "Nudrin"... "Corrida"..... Lookn back 25 years.... The Lannate was more effective then...maybe because it was labeled to use at 2 Lbs-Acre if we wanted....?? ... and it was Half the cost is now.... Now...You're allowed only 1 Lb... costing \$28 I'm not the Fan I used to be....

Lannate is legally labeled for "Pink"...but has a pretty good Residual..?? So... If Im doin this one it'll be at Petal-Fall...when Bees are done & out.

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**** **Remember to Try and Eliminate Dandelions** from the Orchard-Floor.... Wherever there are yummy Blooms like Dandelions offer, the Bees Hit those. So...When we go with our serious Butt-Kickr-Insecticides later... those that only cost \$2 - \$3 - \$4 - per-Acre.... ?? We really hurt our BeLoved Pollinators... and if we go with the Bee-Friendly-Insecticide-Products @ \$29 - \$38 - \$46 - Acre...?? Then we find that we have more than tripled our Insecticide-Cost for the Season.... Gotta Kill the Dandelions....

**** **Dandelions-Be-Gone ... Don't do this during Bloom....**

Your 24 oz-per-Ac-2,4-D-Product only cost about \$3 - \$4-Acre.... Do the entire Orchard Floor. Its a 'Special-Trip'...

Keep it off the Tree. Anything you hit that is considered a "BroadLeaf" will die. There are about twenty 2,4-D Products that are *not* Labeled for you... Get the Legal one... 616.887.9933 616.678.7708 DeeTeam I don't consider this App to be a 'Nutritional-Opportunity'....We are trying to hit the Centers. I like to keep my Nutrition in that Tree-Row-Weed-Control-Strip....

Your 2,4-D at Hi-Rates can act kinda like a Brush-Killer. Dont do Hi-Rates. We can worry bout those 'Ground-Suckers' later with a different App.

**** **Q&A...Yes.... That Appln-Schedule for the VitaZyme** on Fruit Crops is the Same for Cane Crops also... and Vine-Grape Guys do the *10-Inch-Shoot..... *Early Bloom---*Etc Common Use Schedule for All Fruit Crops....

1. *Early Pink* 2. *Early Bloom* 3. *1st Cover* 4. *3rd Cover* 5. *Pre-Harvest* 6. *Post Harvest* ...and we will be keeping this same schedule for the new **BioShot** also.

**** **Q & A ...The "Big-Rate" InSpray-90** ...??? Doin 4 Pints-per-100 Gal.... ??is for when the Pesticide goin in the Tank wants a "**Oil**" with it. The InSpray-90 at that Big-Rate *replaces the Oil....* and helps every other product you are dumpin in that Tank-Mix to do its job better. And with all the Cold-Temps we have had... and a few more in the Long-Range-ForeCast...??? I am soooo happy that Ya'll are *Not Doin Oil...* Researchers and Growers have seen time & again where Oil has cost them at least 1*-2*F.... significant Crop-Reductionwhere they did Oil before it got Cold.

.....**Historically**... ☹️ Using Oil causes a long list of HardShips & Anguish...Discouragement....Bitterness... Depression.... 😞 I seriously cannot think of a good time to do Oil.... or a time when I need Oil.... 😞... Nope...None.

~~~~~Clouding-Up right Now.... 😞

😞 It was really SunShine-Beautiful just a bit ago...

🙏 Gonna Say Another Prayer for You-Me-All-of-Us...Right Now... For Good Health ...and Strength... and for more Help & Encouragement gettn through this Crazy-Crap that is radically Crampn Our Style.... 🙏

Praying...Right Now...

**All to the Glory of His Most Holy Name ....**