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Pretty Nice Day on Kent City's Beautiful West-Side....

Really Really Need Rain

**** **Blues Boys....** Some of You Guys do that 1 Pint "'005'" -Ac-just before Harvest for preventing all the Molds and Fungal Issues that show up in the Post-Harvest "Pack"...???and I really really like the results Acupla Ya are getting by adding a few Dollars worth of [not even \$10-Ac] **OxiDate 2.0** Ya gotta do this... Amazing. 2.5 Pint-Ac... Tank-Mix with All-of-the-Above.... except maybe Serenade or Sonota...which you're not doin now anyway.... Your Finished Fresh-Pack-Product will look a lot Better !!!

**** **ERMs--Apples--Wow... OK ... I did Get a [1] Ph.Call !!** From a Fave that did all the right moves early with the AgriMek 0.15EC at 1st Cover and applied a 2nd Appln again 3 weeks later 2 Apps @ 20 oz.-Ac-Each, with the InSpray 90 @ 4 Pt-per-100-Gaand last week he suddenly had too many ERMs and had to spray Using a Miticide-Insecticide "'Envidor'" ...High-Rate==18 oz-ac... \$35. Not Bad.

So.... RetroSpect...Hind-Sight The AgriMek/Abamectin-Strategy.... the Things I am **Pondering**.....

1.A-Mek gets a lot of other Insect Pests 2.A-Mek only costs \$8.50-Ac-Full-Rate.... 3.Times 2 Apps===\$17-Ac.-Total-both-Apps... 4.The Envidor appears to be working.... and actually doesn't cost much more than 3 Lbs. Imidan... 5.We'll keep watching other Blocks...Other Favesto see if we get any more Break-Outs from all the Long-Big-Hot-Dry that the ERMs really really love... 6...and I'm of course remembering all the Pyrethroids we like to throw in our Program... Lots...that are said to 'flare' ERMs....and Yes... the ERM-Infestations that are bad enuf to show some "Bronzing" can Seriou\$ly co\$t you.... like as in...

++Color...Apples gotta have Sun & Cool Nights & Healthy Foliage to Finish Well...

++the Efficiency of your Retain & Blush Applns goes down-hill when it see's Bronzing...

++You risk MiteEggs in CalyxEnd being discovered by the wrong Guy[Guy usually with Credentials] in Fruit destined for Export...

++Crop-Load for 2020 being Reduced from the Stress...

++Fruit-Size in Big-Cropped-Gala-Blocks...always a concern, made much worse by Bronzing-Crappy-Foliage....

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~~~Helpful-Hint...When making Applns to Blocks showing Bronzing... Always include 1 Pt-Ac-VitaZyme... Huge for Return-Bloom-2020-Crop-Set.... Always a huge Stress-Reliever. Some of you "Older" Guys remember when we were young... Hearing some Dads & GrandDads saying that a Block of Bronzed Trees will have a bigger Bloom the following Year...because of that stress...?? Too many variables.... I'd rather see Guys do their own intentional "Stressing" for Return-Bloom-Crop-Set with Motivate[Ethephon] and Refine[NAA]... Gotta remember...a BigBloom will many times have Fruitlets almost the size of a Quarter all falling off in Mid-Late June, leaving a 1/4 - 1/3 Crop... 😞 😞  
\*\*\*\* **We're Workn on Getting** a good InDepth Update on the 2 - 10-Ac-Apple-Trial-Blocks.... Hope to have a Report Thursday... Getting Input from some Experts.... Good Grief.... I can't believe the Size of some of those Red Dels.... They're almost 113s already !!!

**Qwikee** Preview... Cant find much if any Scabbies in any Foliage, but its not hard to find on the Fruit--RedDels....

\*\*\*\* **Yup ... Deanna Found some more Retain .....** Get it while it lasts ....

Remember about Retain .....

+It likes a 'Silicone-Surfactant... 1 pint-100-Ga.... or use InSpray-90-1 Qt-100... +Use plenty H2O for thorough Coverage--but dont drip'em... +7 Da.P.H.I.-Apples... +Retain at Big Rates will certainly cause "Color-Drag"...Careful on Honeys. In the past some guys didn't properly use "Blush" with their Retain program and had to sell Honeys for Juice....they were lookn at 0% - 5% Pink Color... +Yes You can if You want...Use 2 full Pouches Retain per-Ac-per-Year ...?? But who can afford it.... well, maybe on Honeys....But then the Color Issue. +Make sure your Blush 2X is on ahead of Retain, and also in the Tank-Mix with Retain. Blush2X=1 Qt-Ac.--2 Apps... Also ...a Bunch of Guys use DiKaP for Over-All-Nutrition - 1 - 2 Lbs-Ac....and have consistently discovered a radical increase in good Red Color wherever they put it .... amazing. Consistent.

\*\*\*\* **Q & A... Yes - Establish** is the name of the SeaWeed product that we have to compete with Stimplex.... Some Guys like it for 'Color-Enhancement' ... I like it because its a SeaWeed product.... Lots of Attributes.... Thnx for the Reminder...

\*\*\*\* **Re-Reminder... Thats what Jeff Alicandro** always says.... Repeat-Re-Reminders 😊.... Keep the Calcium-Apps Goin-Strong on those Honeys.... They should be serious Money\$\$Maker\$ this Sell-Sea\$on... Full-Rates ...Every Week .... all the way thru August .....

-- Best Regards .....r