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Fruit Ridge Notes - Cherries - Thursday - May 4 - 2017

Hello Cherry Producing Pals !!!

We are Hoping You have not had any Adverse Cold Temps ...and Pray You Make it Thru with a Beautiful Hi-Valu Crop.
.....Is it just me, or has this Weather been a bit screwy ...?? It stays so doggone cold here.... and very very wet !!

If you are wondering about Fruit Set in Sweets and Tarts..... especially Sweets...??? Consider one of my All-Time-Fave Products called **RidgeBio-Stim**.... a very intense Nutritional/BioStimulant that really sets fruit.

One of my Fave Pals applied to his Sweets a few years back... did the Full-Program which is 3 Applns of 3 Pints-Acre each.... at *Pink and again at *FullBloom, and the 3rd Appln at *PetalFall....

But ...

He set so much fruit they didnt size up worth a crap.... the Leaves didnt even look right because all the energy and Nutrient was going to the

massive Fruit Set. It was not good.  Bad Deal.

Lesson learned ...???

I think so.  If using RidgeBio-Stim, on Full-Sized-Production Trees ... Use **1 Qt** at PreBloom/Early Bloom and another **1 Qt** at Petal-Fall. And be sure to leave your Check-Rows..... 1/2 of the block if you want. This stuff works. It's like \$14 Total for 2 Qts...??? Affordable. There is a bit of Boron in this stuff, but it Tank-Mixes with everything I have ever recommended.

Some guys have told me they won't mix it with a Foliar PhosPhite?? A Blueberry Pal uses religiously and gets awesome results, but said do not use with FormulaII-SW. So maybe don't do that. There's many many opportunities to get your F-II-SW PhosPhites on, so just leave it out of this Tank.

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Another very cool product ...called **SizerXL**....comes out of Zellwood Florida..... This is a hugely impressive combination of Potassium Phosphite and Potassium Poly-Phosphate and a stabilized low-biuret nitrogen, actually making it a 4-20-22... **But**.... the other Patented Tricks these guys use in their Formulation lead to some very cool results in Fruit-Set and Fruit Size. You guys doin Sweets for Fresh Sales will be very happy.... But again....leave a big ol' Ckeck Row... Do **1 ga.-Acre** [\$16.88] at LateBloom-PetalFall and **repeat** in 2-3 Weeks. And I repeat... Leave a big ol' Check-Row.... like maybe half the block if it works out good with your Tank....???

Check Rows help you remember what you don't wanna forget. These products can make

you some serious money  year-in and year-out if they get into your tank and applied.... but that's normally due to your

Check-Row-Impact. 

Also Remember to keep those extremely-Low-Cost-Disease-Control chemistries in the Tank-Mix to compliment some of the really pricey Products we sometimes need to include. I really like 4 oz.-Ac. Tilt[Propiconazole]...6-8 oz.-Ac. Elite[Tebuconazole] ...those are like **\$3 - \$5 - \$6** -- Ac--depending on rate. I hear we have the best deal on Rally40W....but if you use the full rate even that is like \$16??? ...and the rest go on up to **\$40 - \$50-Ac.???** Some guys say these low-cost-chems have 'Weak-Spots' in their Control Spectrum....?? Well of course they do. They are, or might be, weak against Leaf-Spot but they still kick-serious-butt on a significant list of other Disease Targets..... for \$3-\$4.

Praying Safety and Blessings and Great R.O.I. on All Your Work !!!

