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### Very Warm Greetings from Fruit Ridge Avenue...

It's Friday. It just doesn't seem as though I got enuf done this week....

\*\*\*\***I think Ziram** is a nice touch for Summer Diseases ...a fairly good idea....Not a great idea, but a fair-good idea. It's rated F/G on most of the Summer Diseases in **Apples**. You're actually supposed to use 6-8 lbs-Acre to achieve that F/G-Rating..... so then it's not cheap.... \$25 - \$30 ?? Its a 14 Da.PHI .... I really do like Ziram, but it should really cost 1/2 what it does.

For my money I guess I'm stickn with my Weekly-Alt-Centers of the **1-2-3**....?? With one Full Cover every 2 weeks....It's getting me Fungicides--Bactericides--Nutritions--BioStimulants....All In.....for around \$30-Acre-Full-Cover-All-In..... **\$15-Per-Center-Week**. Some Guys are doin this for **\$6-\$8-Week**...After Calculating their TRV.

Also remember----Where some Guys are battling Secondary, the Captan is doing the job on Summer-Diseases way better than Ziram can....

Ziram is Rated Fair-Good on just about all the Disease Pressures in **Blueberries** also..... 30 Da.PHI---Use Rate = 3 lbs/Ac.

\*\*\*\***Apples--You did Your 1 VitaZyme at Pink--1 at Petal Fall--1 at 1st/2nd Cover** like aprx a month ago.... And your next VZ-Appln is supposed to be *10-20 Da.PreHarvest*....

And that's *the Program*.....

.....**Unless** you're wanting to jazz up your "Return-Bloom-Appln" even more... as in what Jeff Alicandro was saying ...to add a Pint VitaZyme to your Motivate[**ethephon**] and Refine [**NAA**] Return-Bloom-Applications-Efforts.

\*\*\*\***Sweet Fancy Moses**....I drove by a block of Gala yesterday that has 6-7 times more Apples per tree than it should ...Wow....Need some serious Manzana Buses in there very ASAP-Pronto.

\*\*\*\***Queen Ann Sweet Cherry Tree**.... Old Gal measuring 109 Inches around the Trunk.... Standing arrogantly by our House over-hanging our Patio. I just can't believe how it keeps on standing there without any 'symptoms' of anything ever. Very Weird. That tree was huge over 60 years back when Brother Jim and I would climb it.

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I'm gonna try to remember to get a photo of it to send.... It's at least 90 years old.... and that's **if** my Dad planted it...??? My Sibs think it could have been there before he got the place....Don't know.

If Dad was still here he'd be a 115 yr-old now.

\*\*\*\***We got a nice Shower** early this A.M., without any real bad-high-winds or hard-stuff.... now Praising our Benevolent Almighty God.

\*\*\*\***If you have not** maxed-out your Seasonal **40 oz.**Acre-AgriMek.[Abamectin 0.15EC] you still have plenty of Da.P.H.I....[Labeled for 28-Apples] ....as I think the very earliest Variety is still around 50 Days Out...???? One App of Full-Rate-Abamectin does so much for so little....like **\$9**.

Am I concerned about developing resistance ...?? I really believe the EPA-Limp-Wrist-Federalist will take it away from us before that happens. We have been killin the crap out of Mites with Abamectin since 1974....that's 43 Years...??? No Resistance yet. Gets All of the Mites....S.TentiformLeafMiner....W.A.LeafHoppers.... **\$9 @ Full-Rate**

For you Peach-Plums-Prunes-Cherry Guys----21 Da.PHI....Grapes-Pears-Apples---28 Da.PHI. I highly **UnRecommend** using any Oil with this....Very **III-Advised**....*But*... Ask me.

Abamectin is Easy-Safe on Predators - Beneficials..... Rough on Bee's.

\*\*\*\***The Adult-Female-SWD** [SpottedWingDrosophila] can lay hundreds of eggs in its lifetime of 2 - 3 Weeks..... So - Try to kill it on Day One. Smart Money is spraying SWD Controls on Blues every 5 Days immediately after he detects any 'live-action' in his traps or his neighbors traps. Some of these Insecticides are only \$3.75-Acre....But it's the "'GittnRdunn'" that's costly and time-consuming and frustrating and aggravating.

The Blues Boys in the southern part of the State are into BlueCrop and getting ready to start Draper.

\*\*\*\***Sweet Cherries** around the Ridge are Done..... ??? Almost before they started.... But a couple Guys really had some beautiful Fruit. I hope they made 'all-the-money'...

\*\*\*\***Not only are Foliar** Phosphites getting high marks for Disease Control in Apples and Blues and Cherries...but the Grape guys also use a bunch of it for Downy and Phomopsis....Black rot....Powdery Mildew. They are Tank-Mixing it with the CS2005 and the Regalia.... Doing the **1-2-3**..... Nothing is coming thru that.

Our Fave "Phite" .....the Formula-II-SW...has a "Nutritional-Label" ...Contains SeaWeed and a poke of Zinc....and costs less than several of those Phites with the EPA-Disease-Control-Label on them..... That "'**1-2-3**'" is .... **1** Pint CS2005 & **2** Pint Regalia & **3** Pint Formula II-SW

**We're Hoping Your WeekEnd is Fun-Safe-Relaxing.....r**