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Fruit Ridge Notes

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WellThese's a ton of Freeze damage aroundaffecting almost all Tree Fruits and Cane & Vine Crops in Michigan... in general.... a lot.

*****There's a couple Friends that came thru unscathed the way it sounds..... a couple bright spots here and there....like a Tart Cherry Grower Pal in the Berrien Springs area dodged the frozen bullet while situated fairly close to a Vineyard that had 95% Crop-Loss damage..... 24°F not that far from him.

*****The NewYorkers are dealing with this Cold Crap as well... But not as bad as around here.

Alicandro tells his Disciples to wait til Leaves & Buds have completely thawed out before getting out there with their **Perlan** PGR....wait til 60°F or higher...if possible.

He says results are best when applied within 24 hours of the Frost, but says applications delayed 2-3 days *can still work*.

.....Here's one of my most fave Alicandro quotes ever *"How well did Perlan PGR work against the severe and repeated Bloom Freezes in 2012?? It worked absolutely amazingly well....Without a doubt the most impressive phenomenon I have observed in 30-plus years of Orchard Crop Consulting."*

They had one **Perlan** treated Block where they had 23°F and 26°F and 28°F for 3 straight mornings in a row....this in a very low-ugly orchard location....Ida Reds.... and they harvested over 1200 Bu-Acre in 2012, while the non-Perlan block up the street on *higher ground*... a 'good location'... picked less than 150 Bu-Acre. I think 'amazing' is the right word.

We do not look for any reduction in Frost-Induced-Fruit-Russeting from using Perlan.

Perlan's cuzzin **NovaGib** is the PGR we use on Golden's to get them 'smoother' Dozens of you have had real good results with that.... on your Golden's.

*****Alicandro mentioned the **Kudos** / Apogee **Sprays** can also be utilized after the Perlan to further help set fruit.

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*****According to U.S.AppleWe're sitting on about 38 Million Cartons on Extra Fancy Apples.... aprx 7% more than a 5-Year-Avg..... about 16% more than last year at this time. Of course the Washington Boys own aprx 35 Million of the 38 Million total.

Warmest Regardsr

