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Fruit Ridge Notes

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Hello All.....

Prohexadione-Calcium is a gibberellin biosynthesis inhibitor that reduces shoot growth on Apple trees...which reduces susceptibility to Fire Blight. These products are called **Kudos** and Apogee. Some of you guys have been using 5-6-7 oz per acre in 4 or more applications.

Using 12 oz - per 100 gallon and getting really good coverage is easy and makes sense. If you're using 50 GWA, that's 6 oz. **Kudos**.

Kudos and Apogee only decrease susceptibility...they do not have any control over the FireBlight pathogen.

We start our **Kudos** applns during Bloom--really really early Petal-Fall.

Use **InSpray-90** ...or any top-shelf quality 90-10 N.I.S....at 2 pints-100g. I like *InSpray-90 because of the savings*. You also need a 'Sequestering-Agent' ...like Ammonium Sulfate, if you have hard water.... or you can use **Indicate 5** at 1 Pint-100 gal. to do the sequestering....

Or, to really keep it real clean and simple, use **3-4 Pint-per-100 gal. Ridge Runner**, which has all of the above right stuff in it. Some say to use a silicone-surfactant...?? ...Not necessary with Ridge Runner.

Don't use with other Calciums or Boron Sprays . Do not use on Winesaps or Empires.

Apply **Kudos** when new growth is at 1 - 2 - 3 inches. It takes apprx 10 days for the 'suppression' to fully kick in.... which lowers the susceptibility to FireBlight.

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The LongRange Forecast sounds favorable.... like maybe no cold nights around BloomTime. But you might consider having your **Perlan** on the shelf, as most of you use a substantial amount for 'typiness' on 2-3-4 Varieties...??

The rate is 1-2 pint-acre ...for both job descriptions.

And again, my hats off to the FineAmericas Folks...helping to keep these costs from escalating. Their Kudos and Perlan pricing really keeps the competition from getting to crazy.

Warmest Regards and Happy Weekend....

