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Hey Everybody Hope Your Thursday is Treating You Right

******Are You Ramping Up** your Foliar **Calcium** Applns on some of your Bitter-Pit-Problem Blocks...??? **FoliCAL** is a great Calcium Product we have liked for 20-plus-Years now... a Favorite of a lot of our Growers. The main advantage I see to FoliCAL is that you can apply 2 Qts-Ac.- for **\$7.30**.....and this is a Top-Shelf-Quality-Calcium we have here in 30g.Drums.

If you're goin on Honey Crisp, I'm still goin with the rather New Popular **"S.I."**....But you could actually alternate Weeks...**This week "S.I."** ...**next week FoliCAL** ...Most all other Varieties you can get by with a Appln every 10-14 days...But not Honeys. If you elect to go with FoliCAL only for Bitter Pit, I'd suggest 3 Qts-Ac.-Once-per-Week on your Honeys.... They're just Ca.Hogs....

******A Very Impressive Tool** for Disease Control in All **Stone Fruits** and **Vegies - Blackberry - Blueberry - GrainCrops - Raspberries Nut Crops**... Just about everything... **except Apples & Pears** ... is **AzoxyProp Xtra**... with a Zero -**o-Da.PHI** on **Stone Fruits**, **but** a **30 Da.PHI** on **Berry Crops** !!

14 oz-Ac. is the most common Use-Rate....making it about \$16-Ac.?? Not bad for a Combination-Product of "**Abound**" [**Strobie**] and **Tilt** [**Sterol Inhibitor**] !! Most Crops have a 12 Hr.REI for **AzoxyProp Xtra**...

******I said to a Grower Pal** that called late Yesterday.... **"You are Correct Sir !!! "**

He said my earlier mention of the **50 Da.P.H.I.** of StrepMycin on Apples **does not apply to "Non-Bearing"** Thank You Sir for that clarification request.

****New-Young**-Non-Bearing....After a Damaging Storm -- 16-24 oz Strep plus 16-24 oz CS2005

****Production** Blocks.....After a Damaging Storm -- 24-32 oz CS2005 with plenty GWA for thorough Coverage....with a low-1 pt-100-rate InSpray-90.

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******Alicandros Orchard Research Tour** - Aug. 2 - Wednesday -
- - 2 weeks from yesterday ... Will feature several Equipment
Demo's....We'll Tour a New 175,000 Bu.CA-Storage.... Orchard
Trellising and Deer Fencing Tricks and Tips Jeff will have some
Guest Speakers there as well.... Like Dr. Kerix Cox--NYSAES and
some others....and apprx 10 times more stuff than I just mentioned...
The ClamBake-B.B.Q. is very very Cool.... Icy Cold Adult type
Beverages--Etc.... a Live Band...Bon-Fire.... I hope its the same Band
as last year... Really really good....

******Blush** on those Hard-to-Color-BiColor Varieties... Getting You
a deeper Red Color on an increased percentage of the Apples Surface
Area....

~~Use InSpray-90 @ 1 Qt-100g. with Blush. Blush is only active on
the Apples surface....Get thorough Coverage.

~~If you're doing the "2-Appln-Plan" you make your 1st App 25-30
DBH, soon after the "Natural-Coloring-Process" has
begun....Followed by your 2nd App 10-14 days later...No later than 7
DBH.

~~Using Retain causes a pretty bad "Color-Drag" ...Try to have your
1st Blush on a few days ahead of Retain. You can Tank-Mix your
2nd-App-Blush wRetain.

.... If you go with Retain earlier than that, Tank-Mix it with
your 1st Blush Appln.

~~If you're doing Retain on HoneyCrisp, you will certainly want to
do the ""Two-Appln-Blush-Plan""

~~Use 52oz.Blush-per-50-100-Gal-Water I feel 75 ga. is really
good even for Full-Production Trees....Just slow down to get
excellent Coverage. 52oz-per-50ga. is great for smaller Trees.

~~Blush has never had any impact on SolubleSolids, Fruit Firmness,
EthyleneProduction, or Ripening.

~~Plan ahead to follow your Blush-Treated right on thru the
ColorSorter at the Fresh-Pack-Plant....to see the additional "Extra-
Fancy" Packs you'll be getting.

Best Regardsr

