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A Warm Hello to All Ya's Hoping Your Thursday is Treating You Nice....?? Kinda Sticky out There....

******One of the most** critically Unpleasant-Costly-Disturbing-High-Pressure-Issues we are confronted with in many Crops today is the "*Spotted-Wing-Drosophila*" ...the "**SWD**". This thing has a Life-Cycle that dictates we need to spray Controls every 5 Days.... or even tighter.

There are several great Insecticides that really work....some of which are actually very Low-Cost.... but we really need the really **Low-Days-P.H.I....** like Zero, 1 Da., 3 Days...for around Harvest Time.

This SWD thing requires a serious look at all the Weapons in your Arsenal for your particular Crop....be it Blues -- Cherries -- Grapes -- Strawberries -- Plums -- Peaches -- Other-Any-All-Berries....All 'Soft' Fruits..... and then, to make a serious Plan-of-Attack.

I didn't mention Apples because these SWDs actually only really go for the *Soft*-Fruits.

When you get your List of Weapons for your Crop identified and are making your attack strategy, try to mix up the Chemistries and not use the same 'Chem-Class' time after time.

Use the *MSU-E-154--Pages 310-311* and also the *Agrian.com/LabelCenter* WebSite for your "Days-P.H.I. Fine-Tuning-Details"and also watch your 'R.E.I.'s..... and maybe look at some earlier *Fruit Ridge Notes* in which we have discussed this Issue and the Options.... One thing I have learned so far for real sure... As soon as you see them...?? ...or catch them in your Traps....??...or your Neighbor across the fence catches some in his Traps...??**Just Start Killin'Em.**

Guys in the S.W.Corner that have been out there slaughterin the SWDs, have noticed the other Insect-Pressures are also controlled by their SWD Attack..... So.... If there is any Silver-Lining.... that might be all of it.

******Getting some very good Feed-Back** from some **Organic**-Production Guys and Gals.... on **ORO-Boost**.... For Insects and Disease Controls.... Pretty amazing.... The SWDs are very active early mornings like DayBreak... and again 2-Hours-Pre-Dark...It's like they don't really like the heat of the day...?? So that's also the best time to be Spraying, right??? ... So they are finding the ORO-Boost really slaughters the active SWDs....by Contact-Kill.

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Also...Keep in mind that the **ORO-Boost** does a Contact-Kill on Alternaria and Anthracnose. It works like Prevam Penetrating and Drying-Up whatever it touches....Insects and Disease Pathogens. This **ORO-Boost** is a very Cool-Tool for my **Organic-Production**-Pals. They're mostly using a **1%-vv.Solution....** 1 gal.-per-100-Gal-Tank-Mix. Cost-Effective. **o-Da.PHI**

******Also Consider Regalia....** for nearly all the Diseases.... getting very good Press in All Crops. **o-Da.PHI....** OMRI-Listed.

******It's Early???** To be concerned ??? ... with **SunScald - SunBurn Issues on Apples....** How early is it....**Really...???**

Hmmm.... Ask me about a **Free Product** for this Issue.....**616-887-9933**...Talk to ron

******Also Apple** Guys---- the IFTA - 2017 - Summer Tour is July 16-17-18

******Blues Boys** from Holland North should be getting their 2-Qt.-Acre-Appln-**Parka** on ASAP....Tank-Mixed with 2-3 Qt.Ac.-**OxiDate 2.o** ...ASAP...For sure before the next big Rain.... and No ...We don't really have any 'data' yet to tell you it's OK to Tank-Mix these with ORO-Boost or a bunch of other Products that we really like. But Please...Let me know if you try it anyway....???. That's how We Learn !!!

******Also for All Conventional & Organic** Production..... Using the **CS2005** is working great on **All Crops** for all of the Disease pressures.... **o Da.PHI**

******MSU-John Wise** really likes **Grandevo** for **SWDs.....** **o Da.PHI....** and also **OMRI**Listed..... **All Crops.**

It Could be A Lot Worse, Right ...???
God Bless America
Thanks....r