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# Fruit Ridge Notes

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### Greetings from Fruit Ridge Avenue ....

\*\*\*\***Motivate** [Ethephon] for **Tart Cherry** Guys.... Getting your Motivate on a few days earlier means you can use lower rates. If it's going to be extremely warm, use very low rates or just wait for the extreme heat to pass.

Tank-Mixing Motivate/Ethephons is at your own risk. All Ethephons can be very touchy when in the Tank with Nutritional or Fruit-Cracking-Inhibitors....Bird Repellents--etc. Some of you have successfully applied Fungicides and Insecticides with your **Motivate**, but it is still unclear whether or not you actually altered the performance of the Motivate ...maybe even a little.... Don't know.

If you are going to do this Tank-Mix with Fungicides and/or Insecticides, get them all in and mixing and get your pH down to **5.0** before adding the Motivate.

You need to wait 7 Days after Appln before you Harvest..... 7 Da.PHI... 48 Hr--REI.... Field-Posting Required.

On Tart Cherries, MSU-E-154 considers 80 GWA a 'Concentrate-Spray' and suggests 8 - 16 oz.-Acre Motivate.... 7 - 14 days ahead of anticipated Harvest. If you figure for 'Dilute-Spray' ....Use 5 oz.-per-100gal or 1 pint-per-Acre.

Most guys go a little earlier on **Sweets**...allowing it more time to work.... and they use up to 1 Qt.-Acre Motivate. It's actually labeled for higher rates, I just don't hear of anyone needing it or doing it.

\*\*\*\***Return Bloom** Program on **Apples** ...**Motivate** [Ethephon] Applns. You should be mid-way thru your program.... depending on Variety, maybe closing in on your 8th-9th "Week-After-Full-Bloom." The typical Use-Rate is 200 PPM .... or just figure 1 Pt-Ac with good thorough coverage....Using your TRV Calculations for your 3-4-5 Year-Olds....Etc. Motivate is a "2 lb.-per-Gal.-A.I." Product...same as the other Ethrel type products available.

**NAA - Refine 3.5SG** is a critical component in your 'Return-Bloom' program as well..... 3 - 5 oz.-per-Acre.

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The Return-Bloom is maybe a Non-Issue for many of you in some of your Blocks, but I see where some Guys have already geared up for hand-thinning ....Kinda Crazy.

\*\*\***Newer-Younger Blocks**--for Bringing them into good Production faster.... Alicandro has had Guys doing a couple of Applns Motivate [Ethephon]@ 1 Pint and Refine 3.5SG [NAA] @ 4 oz....In Year #2. They like the results. They're making these Applns in Mid-July - Mid-August .... 2 Sprays 10-15 days apart..... Like.

**Best Regards....r**

