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Hello from Fruit Ridge Avenue....

*****Grapes**....Plenty of Freeze Damage in some spots-- Like maybe 80+% ...??? ... spots in VanBuren and Berrien Countys... but where there is still respectable Crop Potential Smart Money is out there today targeting Phomopsis and early-onset Powdery and Downy Mildews and Black Rot with low-rate *EBDC & 1 Pint *CS2005 & low-medium rate *Teb with 1 Qt.FormulaII-SW.

This is runnin him about **\$28** - Acre...and he is covering against every current Disease attack-threat.

Smart Money that I was just talking with is also adding 3 pint-100 ga. Prevam... for contact-kill-assist on all those Disease targets....and also Prevam is a huge help with Spreader-Penetration activity.

.....another option I noticed in the E-154-Spray Guide is Pristine ...at **\$60** - Acre.

*****Gras**Some limited Harvesting and Packing goin on. Those Guys up around Oceana County also had some critically ugly Temps a week ago.... sure makes for some long faces....Also in Cherries - Peaches - Apples - everything... really pretty ugly....Actually sounds like some damage worse than the Ridge.

*****Apples**....If we short-circuited a Scab-Control Appln 2-3-4-Weeks back...??we're likely seeing some "Secondary-Scab" symptoms now... here & there. And keep in mind it'll be a couple weeks before Primary Scab is done..... About the same time-frame as June Drop...when we should be able to see what there really actually is for a 2017 Apple Crop....??

...And more good News....With the Temps ramping up, be ready for FireBlight issues. Wherever we had too much FB last season the inoculum levels are a lot higher.

F.Blight Vulnerability....??? When lookn around the Ridge you can see some PreBloom--FullBloom--Early Petal Fall----and some PetalFall/PostBloom.... just crazy....and Really Vulnerable.

Keep your Abamectin shirt on...it's much too early for Petal-Fall Poison Sprays.

*****Blues**....Theres still a lot of Bloom all over the place here around Muskegon-GrandHaven. Guys are watching for their 1st window to go after Gall Wasp.

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******Peaches....** Several Peach Guys are kinda holden their breath..... Not for sure what they're lookn at for a crop...?? Some of the tiny fruit appears to have stopped growing. But most guys think they'll need to do some thinning. Looking at the list of Insect Pests currently concerning PeachesI'm thinkn none of them will come thru 2 lbs.Imidan and 4 oz Lambda[warrior=\$2] and 3 oz Alias4F [provado=\$2]?? And there's several low-cost S.I.s mentioned for Petal Fall Diseases [in the E-154] 4 oz Tilt[Propicon=\$2] and 6 oz Elite [Tebucon=\$4.65] not rated as good as Rally or Indar S.I.s...

******Cherries....**There seems to be some pretty doggone nice Tart Cherry Crops around ...?? But for every one of those there's a 90%-Frozen Block somewhere else. Those Guys around Hart-Shelby might be the hardest hit.

They're gettn their last Chlorothalonil on Tarts where they're coming out of Shuck....and going after PlumCurculio with low-rate Lorsban75WG and LambdaCy[generic Warrior].

In the S.W.Michigan area they'll be doing some FalGro 2X-LV [Gibb-Acid] Applns this week later.

******Tomatoes....** Some of my Pals that are huge Tomato Growers toward the S.W.Corner are getting them in the ground. It's time to Rock+Roll.

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Warmest Regards to Allr

