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Oh No !!! Friday the 13th !!!!! ☹️ 🤪 🤩 **Be Careful out There !!!**
.... Just Kiddn.... my personal history with Friday-the-13th has all been very nice.

*****Feed-Back--Some pretty sharp Smart Money Guys** claim they only go with the Low GWA up til 'OpenCluster'I Concur.... Because when in certain Blocks of bigger trees with fuller canopys--It makes huge sense.... And this strategizing also very hugely depends on your Spray Machine. Some of Ya's can blow thru nearly anything....

....And in your newer-High-Density-Blocks you're maybe doin 18 - 30 GWA ??? likely will suffice til Petal-Fall ???Maybe.
Bottom LineWe want 101% Coverage for every spray. When we do the Alternate Center Strategy, I agree we can achieve 188% on any given Spray up to P.F....after we finish that 2nd-Center.

*****MSU-Amy has a Scab-Catching-Spore-Rod** Set-Up down in the SouthWest Michigan arewa...and caught some spores this morning.... So when we do get some Exposed-Green here-Ridge, it will be time to Load & Go.... Rock&Roll..... til apprx June 10. It's just so cool that it's already Mid-April... and Buds are tight....

You Do Realize ...that once we get a warm rain, things are gonna go kinda crazy ...?? Sweet Fancy Moses....It's gonna be a fast-ride.

*****I Do Not Know....** But very Good Point.... There are 2 or 3 Tebs Legally Labeled--Michigan for Pears... You can do 6 Apps of 8oz.Each....48oz.Legal-Limit-Season.... 75 Da.P.H.I..... 5 Da.R.E.I. It is indeed good for Mildew... supposed to be good on Cedar Apple RustLikely a decent helper for Pear Scab.... But What I Don't Know is why in MSU-E-154-pg.27 it says "Elite" [tebuconazole] registered on cherries-peaches-plums-grapes-nectarines. And then again under "AgriStar TebuStar"pg.24 it says Registered on Cherries-Peaches-Nectarines-Grapes....which of course it is ...But it's also labeled for Apples - Pears - Cots - Plums - More. It's so Low-Cost-Cheap...I certainly have it in the Program. Do any Ya'll know a reason that it would not be recommended for Pears..??? Until I am convinced otherwise....We're keepn it in. Here I Stand.

*****Yup---1st-Call----1st-Served..... Echo** [Chlorothalonil] **720-Liq-2x2.5g.** and "**90DF**" is supposed to be kinda short-supply...???

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But we have some here that is not "Committed" right now... and it sounds like our Sell-Price is very Competitive. Deanna says we have some more Totes on Order that she isn't real sure we will actually get due to shortage...???

******Page 26--E-154 Indeed Says....** Do Not use 'Fixed Coppers' with several Pesticides including Captan and Imidan, or any of the FoliarPhosPhites. **But...**Of course with our CS2005 we have been Tank-Mixing with all of those for at least 8 Years.....and it Works Great.

Caution....If you're using a popular Name-Brand-Phite other than *K-Phite* or *Formula-II-SW* or *Formula I*??? And if you're using a different Copper that the CS2005....??? Then those cautions are for you....just be careful. But as you may remember, our "**1-2-3**"... and our "**Qt.Qt.Qt.**" programs are both Mixing our *Virgin-Grade-Phites* with our **005**... So I say this is just another *Case-in-Point-Proof* that CS2005 is certainly not anything like the regular old coppers. Nobody else's even comes close. Those old sludge coppers, and the other new-Low-A.I.coppers...???? Painful.

******Almost Every One of the** "other" Phites have a bunch of "Do Not..." on their label... While our Hi-Test-Virgin-Grade-Phites go in the Tank with a whole bunch of our Fave stuff.... Most of you have seen-read before about our Tank-Mixes.... 10-12 or more Chemistries in that Tank.... All work synergistically to get the job done that we're paying for them to do. We most assuredly cannot do this with Junk-Phites or Sludge-Coppers.

Do you remember that Alliette is the original 'Phite'...??? Look at that Label when you get a sec.... That stuff is hardly compatible with itself !!!!!

******Pretty Nice....** In the *E-154* they say very nice things about one of our Fave-Products "'Prevam'" ...from ORO-Agrisays 'Showing good control of Powdery and Downy and Anthracnose' ...in Blues and Grapes ... 'some' Control of Botrytis.

Did you know Prevam got its name when they first saw it was killn Aphids and Mites. So.... **PreventAphids+Mites**.... Get it...?? Clever aye??

This Ol Dog is Kinda Tuckered OutI convened 6 Grower Meetings this past week and Chaired the Voters Assembly at our Church, and also attended the MSU-7am-Wedn-SwanInn Meeting...

...**Reminder:** The Big-MSU-Spring-Spray-Meeting at Goodfellows Storage Complex is next Thursday-19th-4p--6p No MSU-7am-SwanInn-Mtg next week.....

Best Regardsr