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It's a WinterWonderLand !!! Isn't this just Crazy ????

Seriously Now I am almost feelin bad for my Golfer Pals !! Almost ...Not Really....

I kinda doubt if anyone actually will guess the real 1st Official Scab Infection Event for this Spring Simply Crazy. Maybe we'll go "Closest to the Pin" ...??? Yup...We'll do that.

******Our Pals** down by the SouthWestCorner...not far from Indiana border.....Are saying they only see a bit of Green on a few Gala...???

One Fave around EauClaire... right in the center of Berrien County.... has some 1/4" Green in Gala.... with 2-3 more Varieties showing just a bit

And.... Over around Benton Harbor....NothinNo Green on Apple.... Just a bit GreenTip on some Tarts. Grapes are a very long way out yet.

....I hear some BNRs in that area are telln their Guys to get goin ASAP

AndAround **Here--Ridge--**One of my Pals is watching where they always get 1st-Green-FirstSouthSlope...Lighter Soil...IdaReds.... Nothin...Still Tight.

Our Favess up around Ellsworth got 15-18 Inches fresh Snow.... I'm thinkn Crazy is indeed the best word....

******Alicandro--WayneCounty-N.Y.**..... is telling in [agr.news](#) that in some of the normal earliest Spots...There's a bit of exposed Green...and that they actually technically have a "Split-6-Day-41°F-Super-Blustery-Scab-Infection"???? I'm wondering if he's just

BlowinSmoke..... nobody there is moving on it.... Its kinda hard to get revved about a 41°F Infection....???? But Jeff reminds us that Scabbies really love the cold-nasty-crap.....

Jeff also mentions that picking Macs in mid-October could mean better Fruit Color.....

******MSU-Amy** actually caught some **ScabSpores** down SW-Corner

In Talking with several of youSounds like as soon as there's some 1st-Crack-Green in the Ridge there'll be some "005" and "**Super-Phites**" goin on A bunch of SW-Corner guys are doin that this week.

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******Our Out-of-the-Gates 1st-Crack-Green-Appln....** is going to include *1 pint-100 ga.InSpray90* and *1 Qt.-Acre Each of **FormulaII-SW and ***"005" and **K-Phite.*

If some guys get serious Scab-Pressure and get scared, they'll add a small-dose of Captan80WDG.... Personally...for me.... that 'pressure' would have to get really crazy huge for me to add Captan.... Because...There is a bunch of very big Systemic-Fungicidal-Bactericidal-Activity with this **Qt.Qt.Qt....** Lots going on with it. I like adding a 1 Qt-Ac-Rate of Phoenix as well...Its a CalciumCarbonate product. Some Ol Boys like me call it a Safener...??? Like for the Copper...???

I like it because its a poke of Calcium... and really compliments the Tank-Mix....and its cheap.

******I see where Delta** Airlines has been bad-mouthing the NRA.... I've asked Linda to avoid using them when possible.

Best Regards Make that '**Warmest Regards**'It Freezn Out There !!!r

