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Hi All.....

Supposed to hit the Low-Mid 50s Today

*****Really Good Meetings so Far** This **Parka** stuff has some very serious Credentials.... If you couldn't get to any of the Meetings, maybe we should talk...???

*****Many Folks** are doing the "**Alternate-Center-Spray-Appln-Strategy**" **They** and I agree we are getting 90%-96% Coverage with doing 1 Center in those Early-Season-Applns.

Firstly....Don't confuse this with Mixing-Up-Full-Product-Rates per Acre while only traveling every-other-row....Putting on the same amount of Product as if you were doing every Center. That is for sure not what I recommend....As I think they are missing a few Percentile of the Target. Nobody can hit 100% of the Target with 1-alt-center.

Secondly....Keep It Simple Mix-Up for **5** acres and Travel **10**... or Mix-Up for 10 Acres and travel 20 Acres. Remember ...In a day or two you're coming back thru on that other Center...thereby finishing your Complete Cover.... And you and I know we are then getting 180+%% Coverage with that Completion.

Example: You have a 400 gal.Tank. You spray 40GWA. You do 10 Ac.per-Tank. You want 5Lbs Captan80WDG per Acre. You dump 50 Lbs.Cap80WDG into your Tank. **You Travel 20 Acres.**

Mixing Half-Rates and then only traveling every-other-center is indeed the worst interpretation or misunderstanding of Alt-Row-App-Technique.... I have never caught anyone doing that...?? But a Researcher Pal claims it has happened. Those confused guys would be easy to spotbeing Loaded with Scab....

Low-Spray-Volumes.... 15-35 GWA[Gal.Water-Acre]??? On most of your Younger stuff ...?? ...from GreenTip thru Petal-Fall...?? Makes sense to me. I know some Guys using 15GWA and going slowthat are getting 180% Coverage or more with their Alt.CenterTechnique.

The more wind you are bucking the riskier it is. But sometimes you actually must spray in the wind. More GWA and Slower is necessary for that 180+% Coverage.

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Disastrous Control Results are achievable by cutting rates while not doing both Centers and traveling too fast because you have so much faith in your Spray-Rig.

That AltCenterSpraying *without* coming back thru for that 2nd-Center is for sure a good way to Not-Control those early-Insect-Pests like Woolies and SJS. Those are vulnerable early-Pre-Pink. Thats we we need to really seriously deal effectively with the3m. 180+%Coverage.

When we get to Bloom-Petal-Fall Timing... Most Guys in most Production Blocks need more GWA..... There is just that much more Foliage to blow thru.

*****There are some very Impressive Computers** telling these efficient Modern-Sprayers what to do and how to act Very Impressive. Guys that are slowing down but still not using more GWA are enjoying real coverage success. Less GWA--Less time spent at the Filling-Station--Less wasteful Drip-Off....

*****Q&A--Yes--You did** hear that at Redox University. DiKaP has had some very notable successes in Fruit Trees for minimizing Crop Loss due to Cold-Temps...in the Orchard Trials as well in Freeze-Chamber Trials. *G.S.Long* in Yakima did the work with some R&D Staff from Redox watching. Pretty impressive.

That DiKaP is a big P and big K product...**But...** a host of additional ingredients that are "Proprietary" [meaning secret] ...but I do know that those Proprietarys include huge doses of Carbon... and also SalicylicAcid... L-AminoAcids and several other goodies.

I'm guessn the way this Spring is evolving...??? The ColdTemps may not be much of an Issue...??? Never Know. But I know I still want DiKaP on as a Foliar 4 or 5 times.

Warmest Regardsr

