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**Hello from Beautiful Fruit Ridge Avenue .....** Nice little Shower here right now ....

**That Ancient Queen Anne Sweet Cherry Tree** by our Patio started with Snow-Ball-Bloom Sunday--May 6....

**Phil and Amy** mentioned this morning at the Swan Inn-7am-Updates-Meeting that a few Apple Varieties are starting with some *here-and-there-spotty* Bloom....  
It's all really moving quite rapidly ...We should be caught-up-almost-normal in Degree-Days very soon.

**\*\*\*\*Recently noted some Discussion in Print & also Verbal....** Some Guys Opinions and *Perception of Alternate-Row-Spraying.....???*

### **Here's the thing ...**

There are a few Guys that have really SuperSonicKaZillionDollar SprayingMachines that actually claim to have a Full-Cover on after going thru a 20 Ac.Block using 20 Acres worth of Pesticides only traveling every-other-Center.....And some of them get away with it most of the time. I believe they are getting 96% Coverage.

What I like ...What we Recommend .... Is Mixing up Pesticides for 10 Acres and go thru that 20 Ac.Block traveling Alternate-Centers, then 3 Days Later, doing the same thing again on the Other Center. So now we have done all-Centers with the Desired Rates of Pesticides....But we did it 3 days apart ... as we take advantage of varying Wind-Direction....Getting 96% Coverage each time.... Giving us 192% Coverage for this Application. So... Our Appln is actually traveling every Center.....

Remember that as our Foliage gets more & more dense with Leaf-Growth, we will not be getting the 96%.... That will gradually drop to 65% - 70% by Petal-Fall--1st-Cover.

*Please* Keep in Mind ..... What I truly believe is the Real-Deal-Bottom-Line-Issue with Coverage is Ground-Speed. I have seen Guys with the right Hi-Tec-Spayers get better Coverage with 25 Gal-per-Acre than guys going faster using 80 Gal-Per-Acre.

**\*\*\*\*We really gotta be on our Toes now for Fire Blight Infections....**With the forecasted Temps & Rains....and some Early Bloom coming-on.... a F.Blight-Infection sounds inevitable.

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A huge First-Step was your 2 Apps early-on of 1 Qt.Ac.Each CS2005 Systemic Copper Bactericide....

A very high Comfort-Level has been attained by several of you keeping "005" in your Tank-Mix at lower-rates right on into these later applications.

A couple years back Cornell did a '005' App on Golden's during Bloom and showed less russet than the UnTreated-Check !!

After 9 Years of watching '005' on Apples, concerning Fruit Finish.... Here is what I think.....

+I can use '005' at 12-16 oz-Ac. as much as I want and I won't get any additional russet.... and I don't think I will get less Russetting by using it.

+Using '005' at the lower rates will still always help prevent several Bacterial Diseases

+I will never ever use any other old or new Copper Product for reasons of \*higher cost and \*Fruit Finish and \*mess and \*inconvenience

+I will not ever depend on any Copper product to eliminate a F.Blight-Risk when in an Infection-Situation

+I'll have '005' in the Tank a minimum of 6-8 Times a Season on all New-Young Blocks and all Processing Varieties, and All "Non-Hi-Dollar-Risky" Varieties.... because my 12 oz works so hard for me for \$5.20

\*\*\*\***Antibiotic Products.....** There is significant Resistance around ....But Most guys still get some really good activity from **Streptomycin....** and it is comparatively Low-Cost. We traditionally expect 24 Hr-Back-Action and at least 24-48 Hr-Forward Protection. We depend on **MycoShield** only for 24-48 Hr.Protection. Kasumin we are supposed to be able to expect 12-24 Hr-Back-Action....and 2-3 Days-Protection. That Protection always depends on how fierce the Weather & Infection is.... 80°F with a bit of Drizzle really kills us. And any Newly-Opened-Blooms won't be Protected.

\*\*\*\***Some Smart Money Blues Boys** are gettn covered up ahead of the Rains for Disease Issues..... They are doing this by Tank-Mixing some extremely Effective-but-Low-Cost Choices....

~~**8 oz.Ac.Azoxy [Strobie-like Abound]** & **6 oz.Ac.Propicon/Tilt[S.I.]** & **1 Pt.Ac. CS2005.** And....

~~MSU-E-154-Pg.244 says \*ObliqueBanded, CankerWorm, BudMite, PutnamScale & LecaniumScale .....

Are vulnerable now to your 9.6 oz.Ac.AsanaXL [**\$4**] & 2 Qt.-100ga.PrevaM and please do 1 Pt.-100 ga.Indicate 5 ...to help all these Tank-Mix-Partners play nice with each other.

The Redox Guys are getting 1 lb diKaP and 1/2 lb.TriPlexMicro atPink-Bud-Pre-Bloom.

\*\*\*\***MSU-Phil Says....** We are lookn at a huge Apple Crop World-Wide.....

Translation: We really really gotta have really really good Pack-Out-Percentages .... Strive for all U.S.Extra Fancys ....

..... And the "Ciders" or Juice-Apples...and the "2nds" or Peelers.....??? ....Wont bring enuf to pay their way.

Anecdote .... Busch Light instead of Oberon...??

**Warm Regards .....**