

Newsletter Date

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Hello to All.... It Looks like we got at least 1/3 inch or better out of that Early Sunday Rain...??

Just Listening to MSU Amy

Pretty Interesting...

******She's seeing some Fruit-Russet??** Like on Honeys and Gala and SweetTango...??? Fairly significant Russet. They've eliminated the possibility of Grower-Tank-Mix...

They're Lookn at some extreme-Weather-Swings....?? She suspects a very sudden drop in Temp in early April maybe...??? When we got down to 15°F...?? Its really quite wide-spread with dozens of Growers with dozens of Tank-Mix-Practices....

Many Years ago One Ol Boy told me that he didnt believe he could Russet his Golden's by spraying a Sulfur-Captan-Combination like some folks told him.... He said, "I do believe a guy can Russet Fruit by just spraying Water alone at the wrong time." Kinda Interesting....

******Lots and Lots of Fruit coming off with June Drop.....** But lookn at Most Varieties not Enuf... I remember 25-30 years back my Bother Bob would wait to thin Golden's til they were the size of a Dime...like 17mm.... Then he would go out with 50ppm-NAA....Usually got them just right ...sometimes took off a few to many. By the Way...That is Not a Recommendation ... 😊 😊

Phil & Amy are talking to use the "Normal-Rates" with thinning...But it's just been so crazy windy.

******Whenever making any move involved with Thinning,** Be sure to leave the same 6-8-10 or so Check-Trees every time you go.... Make sure those Check-Trees are not in a really Low-Spot.

******By this Friday-Saturday we should be able to See more Secondary Scab** wherever we had any more Skips in our Coverage.... Also, Amy thinks maybe by Friday all Spores will be Mature and ready for Discharge in a Wetting Event. It still looks like its going to be June 12-13-14th before we can say Primary is done...??? Thats **if** we get a cooperating Rain-Event to help prove it.

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******Locating and Determining the Extent of any Secondary Scab** you may have to deal with is really very Important....Really. Not taking it seriously leads to UnPackable Fruit and of course Fighting with huge stacks of Inoculum next Spring.

All of us had an Infection last Thrs-Friday....But thats old News... I'm still hearing of Guys finding problems directly related to where they had to go in the Wind... They just had no choice. Amy says theres some Secondary showing up in that block where she has her Spore-Rods. Actually there's too much Scab around.....

******A Very Good Idea is to keep your Kudos Applns goin....**

I heard from some Folks over the Weekend that several Growers in PA and also Washington have Epidemic-Levels-Fire-Blight-Infestations.... Some Washington Boys have Dozers going....

A Researcher-Consultant claims there are no Growers he can find that have any F.Blight where they stayed in the Systemic "005" type Copper Program. I am in the process of finding out more "opinions" from some other connected Industry-Professionals This of course will be huge for MagnaBon.

******Plum Curculio out in high numbers ...and C.Moth** needs attention right now in most spots due to all that warm weather a few days back....

******Another Researcher Pal** reminds me that if some of Ya's cannot do the Diazinon trick on SJS because of some certain Fruit Buyers....?? ...That the Marrone Products Grandevo and Venerate have looked very impressive in Trials.... 1 Lb.Grandevo [\$15.55] **or** 1 Qt. Venerate [\$18.25] ...Do 2 Applns.... Mix & Match if you want.

This Incredibly Beautiful Spring that seemingly Treated Us all so Nice Has certainly had it Trials & Tribulations....

If I had to pick just 1 issue, I guess it'd be the Wind.... Crazy windy.

Best Regardsr