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That was a REALLY nice rain shower this last night/morning!! The rain gauge here in Kent City reads 4 inches???? 🤔🌧️🌧️
Well, we needed it. Didn't necessarily need the wet basement, but whatcha gonna do?

****So, with this moisture and the heat wave coming up... and the possible rain that is forecasted during that heat wave... looks like optimal Powdery Mildew conditions 😞

While PM hasn't been a problem in the (dry) Ridge area yet this season, it likely has been for the guys in SW Mich and the guys in the North/Traverse City area. They have been getting lots of rain.. too much. I know I recently talked about these product offerings, but I feel it's worth mentioning again. We have a long list of fungicides that address Powdery Mildew in Apples, Grapes, Blues(Jerseys), Veggies and Cherries... that list includes: Luna Tranquility (72 day PHI), Luna Sensation, Flint, Flint Extra (same as Gem... they stopped making Gem), Inspire Super, Merivon, Rally, Quintec, Teb, Sovran, Abound, Quadris, Pristine, Indar, K-Phite, Regalia, FungOUT, Oxidate 2.0, PrevAm.... I know I'm missing some but you get the picture.

Cherries - Brown Rot loves this weather too... many of the products listed are good/great tools against that mess as well. Keep your fungicide coverage tight against Brown Rot.

Blues... Fruit Rot & Anthracnose... we do have Switch and Quash in addition to some of the above listed.

Blues and (some) Cherries.... Really cool SWD info!

SWD vs. OxiDate 2.0??? In case you don't remember this from our Feb meetings...

- OxiDate 2.0 improves SWD control by:
 - Removing the yeast on the berries, which:
 - Deters adults from egg laying
 - Allows the insecticide to be effective longer
 - Burns the Air Sack from the egg and therefore kills the egg.

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The Washington Blueberry Commission in repeated yearly trials says that OxiDate consistently improves any SWD insecticide application by 15-20%. OxiDate 2.0 is a staple in the west. ***AzaGuard and BioCeres are two good insecticides to be included in Organic production!**

***SWD Insecticides...

We have several "weapons in our arsenal" for the battle against this nasty destructive little fly. And as you just read, if you use with Oxidate 2.0 they'll work even better!

Please watch PHI's, there are a BUNCH that are just 1 or 0 days, some are 3, some are more.. I will go over those PHI's in the very near future, for now here is what we have in stock..

Grandevo, Imidan, Lannate, Brigade, Danitol, Entrust, Hero, Bifenture, Rimon, Delegate, Mustang Maxx, Malathion...

***Apples.. Don't forget about your NAA return bloom sprays!

Also.. Phil says sunburn is eminent with this coming sunny and hot weekend!! Get protected with Parka!

The very last Swan Inn MSU Extension meeting was this morning.. I hope we ALL know and appreciate just how fortunate we are to have such great Extension Agents right here in our neighborhood. Phil and Amy are the best of the best!! And they are always just a phone call or an email away!

Thank you Phil and Amy for ALL YOU DO!!!

Happy Hump Day everybody!....r

