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Happy T.G.I.F..... Good Morning Everyone.... Can't Believe It's Friday

Is it gonna rain or not??

*****It's looking/sounding like this might be a season where Sunburn and Heat Stress could be issues for a lot of you guys.. Apples, Blues, Tomatoes, Stone Fruits, Grapes, etc...**

And maybe even drought situations OR too much precipitation depending on where you are! All of these conditions cause “stress” to your crops.. Environmental Oxidative Stress.

There are several products that will greatly help to mitigate these stresses on your crops...

Haven – For use on tree fruits, small fruits, and fruiting veggies. Reflects sunlight, reduces temps in canopy, improves drought and heat stress tolerance, leaves no visible residue.

Parka – For tree fruits, small fruits, nuts, and onions. Supplements the cuticle of growing fruit and foliage improving fruit finish and yields, provides sunburn protection, leaves no visible residue.

Phoenix – A calcium soil amendment for use in all crops... Ask me how this works for sun and heat stress...also for Bitter Pit!

Vitazyme – We love VZ! Any time your crop is experiencing ANY kind of stress Vitazyme will help get it through that stress without suffering too much. Your crop may not even know it was stressed 😊. The rate is just 1 pint/acre at any time.

OxycomCa – Specifically designed to address oxidative stress issues in crops. Oxycom Calcium stimulates the production of a broad range of antioxidant compounds in plants. Increased antioxidant production is greatly beneficial for reduction of environmental oxidative stress. Rate of 1 lb./acre will do wonders for a stressed out field/block.

diKaP – Promotes the production of phenolic compounds. Use of diKaP is particularly beneficial under conditions of environmental stress. Rate is 1 lb./acre in most cases.

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******BIRDS!!!!** There's another stressor for ya! Thankfully we have something to help you with that problem too!

Avian Bird Control.... We just got in a new shipment!

******Blues...**

It's getting close to the time for you to start "detering" the birds from even stopping at your place. If you make your move before they come in you can start off with the "maintenance" program of 20 oz/acre.. but to let them know you mean business you should have a tight spray interval at first, like 7 days apart.. the first two apps, then you can go to the 10-14 day interval. Getting an early start will save you money in the long run. (fewer apps & lower rates... win, win!)

Cherries...

If you are fortunate enough to have any cherries this year, and the birds haven't already eaten them all... you CAN keep the birds from pillaging them! If you don't/didn't start your Avian applications early enough you may have to chase the birds out by using at least 1 qt/acre for the first 2 apps... back to back, like 3-4 days apart. Then keep making applications of right around 20 oz/acre every 5 or 6 days till the birds are GONE (it may not take that long). Once they are gone you can go every 10-14 days with 16-20 oz./acre. BUT.. as you know.. those birds can eat a block clean REALLY fast.. so it is best to get Avian on really early. (Earlier is always better and cheaper!)

Apples..

you still have some time before you need to worry about the birds damaging your fruit. However.. if you want birds out for any other reasons? Audits, inspections, etc. you can start using Avian whenever!

Grapes, Peaches, Pears, Nectarines, etc...

Avian Bird Control is labeled on every crop that we grow here in MI and then some! Literally A – Z (acerola to zucchini) ☺. You can use it pretty much ANYWHERE you have a bird problem.

Like the Geese at your cottage! 🦆 (yes, I know that's a duck...)

Have a safe weekend!!

Warm Regards....r

