

Newsletter Date

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**Greetings..... What a Relief this Weather is Today Seriously
....Especially for this Ol Fat Man....**

*****Q & A... Touch-Up-Herbicide** Appln...Yup. Understand.

I would wait til you get a little rain.... I want the target to show a bit of energy. Then ... make the Appln as early in the day as possible. And remember to use the 3 Lb.A.I.-Paraquat-SL.... Don't get duped into that 2Lb-Product from down the Street. First off...that costs more per gallon.... 2nd...It's 33% less A.I.... 3rd, It takes 2 Qts of that to kill a weed....While 1 Qt-per-Treated-Acre of our 3 Lb.Stuff kills it.... really kills it.

*****My Pal Jeff Alicandro is also Preaching Warnings of SunScald-SunBurn** and I have Blueberry Guys seeing way to much damage from it which is really quite unusual in Blues. I'm sure there's gotta be some damage on Apples around, but I havent seen it. Jeff mentions 5 or 6 Options....These are the 3 I like

PurShade Leaves a slight whiteish haze on Fruit....Very tolerable residue in 95% of scenarios....Made from Calcium Carbonate..... Common Use-Rate--1 ga.PurShade per 75 ga.Water...Get decent coverage. And if you're goin on Apples with it...?? This Calcium gets into the Fruit very well....well absorbed. Ask me about this one.... Important... Seriously.... Ask Deanna or me or Nancy or Matt or Alicia about this one.

Parka..... from Cultiva..... a Phospholipid Crop-Cuticle Supplement that reduces SunBurn and improves Apple Fruit Finish and leaves no visible Residues. Use 1 ga. in 60-100 ga.Water. Dial down your TRV... This isn't that bad as far as cost. Good Stuff...

Haven ...from MarroneCoconut-Based-Anti-Transpirant reduces Tree-Canopy-Temps and Apple-SunBurn Incidence.....No Residues.

There's some other ones I dont like... Messing with Carnuba Wax type stuff....which interfere with most Exports and make a general mess....almost as bad as the Kaolin-Clay-Type mess. Ugly. Ugh-lee.

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******The MainStay-Ca.S.I.** is Indeed the most Impressive Butt-Kickn Calcium I've ever seen. This is the Back-Bone of the Bitter-Pit-Prevent-Program for the Honey-Crisp-Guys that have Zero-[-o-] Bitter-Pit. I have told you about the Sample-October 1st-Pack-Out-80 Ct-Ex.Fcy.Honey Crisp that was in the Cold Storage for 160 Days after Packing-Date...and still Zero-Bitter Pit...None.... in early March.

******Vegies Guys with Zinc Deficiencies** are really happy with Ridge "Zinc-Rush"Really gets in fast...Works fast They do Leaf-Tissue-Analysis.....Very Impressive. That **M.S.U.Kid - Patrick** - Fresno - has this stuff figured out.

******Fruit Ridge Fest...**July 27 - a Friday... 11 Days out.... then Alicandros Research Tour.... Wedn-Aug.1st. If you have your Passports in Order, and you have good luck at the Border, Alicandros is apprx 9 Hours straight East of the Ridge. Actual Driving Time==3 hrs in Mich---3 Hrs in Canada---2 Hrs in N.Y....Allow 30 min. for each Border Stop.

We are All Prayin for Rain here..... And our Prayers are quite Picky... Detailed.... **No Hard-Stuff [hail] **Want 1.7 Inches over 16 Hours time-span **A good dose of Lightning for a poke of 'N' and ...

Repeat 3 days Laterr

