

Newsletter Date

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Greetings ...All are so Hugely Thankful for the Recent Life-Giving Rains.... Thanks be to God !!!

...It's the 25th ...Only 5 Months 'Til Christmas !!!

And

Here ... 14050 Fruit Ridge Ave---Kent City --- This Friday 3p til 8p.... Our **Fruit Ridge Fest** Dinner 5p -7p ...Michigan Brews and Refreshments Music ... Classic Cars & Trucks & Tractors for Viewing Enjoyment ... Fellowship. It's supposed to be perfect Weather for it.

And.... 1 Week from Today--Aug.1st--Alicandros "Wayne County Fruit Growers Research Tour"in the Wolcott N.Y. Neighborhood....

*****If You're Growing Blues or Apples or Veggies ...any Produce....**and you're doing some Direct Marketing...??

...and You sometimes have Folks asking about any Pesticide Residues...??

Here's a possible helper....

Alliance Analytical Labs

179 West Randall St

Coopersville 49404

... 616.837.7670...ask for Jeremy.

A Basic-Residue-Test might cost Ya \$250...??? They also do Water, that you may use in your Fresh-Pak-Plant...?? ...or Labor Camps...??

Many many Years ago I used a Lab in G.R. named 'Fettig Labs'...but I could not reach them...Turns out the Lady-Owner died 3-4 yerars back...??? Sounds like they're kinda closed.

Back in the day...I took Apples off the Packing-Line right at the end before they went into the Package, and had them Tested... They always came back 100% Pesticide-Residue-Free.

Not sure how Blues will come out...??? In Blues we do a bunch of 1 Da. -to -3 Da.PHI Insecticide Apps for SWDs.....and Blues do not get Washed like the Apples do in the Packing-Line.

*****C.A.Lime Orders** are coming in.... Last Year there were some Issues with Transport-Dependability...??? Best way to get ahead of that is to get ahead of that...Order early...Get it in Early ...

*****A Blues Pal just Gave** me a Box of Fresh Blues.... Sweet Fancy Moses.... Excellent !!! Great Sweet Flavor....Firm... LargeBeautiful.... Many Thanks !!

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******Q & A ...** Actually ...On your Earliest Galas ...Your Predicted Harvest Date is very late August I think you said...?? And you just did your 3rd Appln **VitaZyme** about 25 days ago. So... I'd do my PreHarvest VitaZyme App apprx Aug. 5th. Serious VZyme Disciples document Bigger Fruit--Harder Fruit--Higher Brix--Improved Color--Better Keeping Quality...and some Guys say they can Harvest sooner and get the Early-Better-\$\$\$-Market where they do the VitaZyme....They've been telling me that for many Years.... It's still doing it. In official Trials, we don't often see Harder Fruit...?? But always see better - longer - Shelf-Life.

******We had No Woolie-Aphid-Issues** in the Trial Blocks this Year.... But several Guys tell me it is a darn nuisance for them ??? But when they go in with 1 lb.Ac.Diazinon 50W, it wipes them out. Gotta get really good coverage-penetration...Lots of Foliage to blow thru now Diaz= \$8..... 21 Da.PHI -- 4 Da.REI

In those Trial-Blocks we did an excellent job early with Chlorpyrifos4E for \$16.50-Ac.Totaland we keep the Imidacloprid4F in the Tank as much as we legally can... At about \$10-Ac.-Total-Season for 5 Applns....\$2 Ea.... And we do 2 - 1 lb.Apps Diazinon50W @ \$8-Ea.

Remember that **Gerbers** really Does Not like Diazinon.

Alicandro says we gotta slow down a bit to get the penetration-coverage needed for Woolies. And remember not to have any Captans in the same Tank-Mix. Jeff has seen serious Russet when Guys do that. He highly recommends doing the Diazinon by itself....???

Remember that the Imidacloprid [**the old Provado**] is one of the Neonicitinoidsand so are Endigo & Leverage & Assail & Actara & AdmirePro..... But some of these Cost 3X up to 18X-per-Acre.

Also...Alicandro says it's way to late to use Movento now for Woolies.

******Q & A...CSRs...?? Yup**...I'm Hoping Most of Ya's already Know the CSR near You...???

In that SW-Corner is **Jordan Grieser**...West-Central-Michigan is **Steve Paul** ... Oceanna County is **Caleb Coulter** ... N.W. and North-Central Michigan is **Jordan Gallagher and Al Hulkonen**. In Wisc. we have the **Eckers Gals**....just north of LaCrosse...

We also work with Consultants and Distribution and Retailers in PA, NY, the PNW and the Grain-States--MidWest.

Hoping to See Ya'll Fridayr