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Hello All I see according to WunderGround.Com-ForeCast...Todays High is supposed to be 76* and Tomorrows at 74°F !!! Perfect !!!

This Ol Fat Man doesn't care for that High-80's stuff....

...All of us Here are very much looking forward to seeing All of You Folks at Tomorrows "Fruit Ridge Fest"

******I was looking at the "Thinning-Check-Row-Trees" in the 10 Ac.Trial-Block ...**Those that did not get all of the same Chem-Thinner-Applns as the main Block.... And there are at least 3 Times as many apples on those as you would want. So here's the thing.... I'm betting those will all make 100Ct+up to 3.5 Inch-Apples. And these Trial-Blocks have not had any Gran.-N-P-K-Ground-Applied-Traditional Fertilizers in 5 and 1/2 Years. These are not Irrigated..... I'll keep Ya posted....

******C.A.Lime Loads**

...Are always **20** Tons... The Best-Simplest-Cleanest way to get CA-Lime...is to bring a 20 Tn T.L. right to your Dock.... Or to Your Neighbors Dock. If you and 1 or 2 of your Neighbors can share a 20 Tn Load, then you all get that Full-Truck-Load-1-Stop-Delivery Price...which is the Lowest-Best-Price.

Nancy here in our Office 616-887-9933 can/will coordinate that with you....Another Off.Ph.Line=616-678-7706

You really *Do Need* a 'Dock'because this stuff all comes in Van-Trailers....18-Wheelers..... No Flat-Beds.

Also....Remember if you have any CA-Lime left over from last Season, that has *never been sealed-up in a Room*, It is still very viable and will perform. MSU-Randy Beaudry told me once that he used Lime that was 11-12 Years old...Still worked like it was supposed to. He was keeping it in a regular dry Warehouse.

If you have some that was in a Sealed-Up-Room only even for a few days, it is not going to perform the desired results You may get a 10%-20% performance-factor out of it...??at best...maybe.

******I Recently Reviewed some Trials** done at MSU's Trevor Nichols Research where MarroneBio's Insecticide "**Venerate**" looked pretty doggone good on WAA [Woolies] at 2 - 3 Pint-Acre.... on Full-Production-Size-Trees....in 100 GWA... @ 2.5 mph. Coverage is Key.....

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These could be the 'Good-News-of-the-Day' for some Organic Production Guys...??? ...and also some Guys that depend on Gerbers ...???

Speaking of **MarroneBio**..... Their Fungicide-Bactericide **Regalia** is still working exceptionally well for a huge Group of Growers.... 1 qt-Ac...as many times as you want... I like it in the Tank on Blues--Apples--Grapes--Cherries at least 4 -5 Apps - Year... Good Stuff and OMRI Listed. It also worksd very well on all Veggies. This is part of our "**1-2-3**"

*****I See the Redox Crew ...** That's those Growers seriously doing the Redox Regimen Same Guys that are not doing any of the old traditional conventional N-P-K-Type Granular Fertilizers of any kind any more.... They are now doing the **2 lb-Ac-Rate DiKaP** on Apples ...for 5th Cover and 6th Cover Time-Frame....

And I see in their Program for later Varieties, like where they do 6th Cover and maybe a 7th Cover...?? They bump it up to 3 lb.Ac... They're also using the MainStay SI Calcium at the 1 Qt-Ac rate on all their Apples.... and in the Honey Crisp blocks they are doin that 1 Qt.-SI once-a-Week. One Guy I know with very Mature-Full-Production-H.Crisp Trees is doin 3 Pt-Ac.-SI.

*****When Some of You Guys started Calling In** with **C.A.Lime Orders**, it kinda caught me by Surprise.... Good Grief !!! Is it CA-Lime-Time already ...??? And Yup...the Gals were already workn on it....

But here's another thing Late yesterday they were UnLoading a TruckLoad of **Strathmore Aluminum Super-Duty Harvest-Ladders**. Very Top-Shelf-Quality Ladders.... Sturdy...Safe ...DurableThey'll take on a **300 lb**.Harvest Worker. But wait.... I don't think I've ever seen a 300 lb.Harvest Worker !!!????!!!

Incidentally a Heads-Up I saw a "OnLine-Out-Fit" that is selling the same exact 10 Ft.Super-Duty-Strathmore that we have Retailing at \$243... for \$299 each....plus Shipping. We have a wide-variety of Sizes. But dont LollyGag Sometimes we run out of a certain size.

And Yup...We have those very Cool **Pickn-Buckets** again also

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Can't Wait to See Ya'll Tomorrow....r