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Greetings & Salutations.... That is one darn-cold Wind out there
..... Not good for anything.

******Wow.... Linda & I were Visiting** a Grower Pal over
East....around West Branch ...Looking at some of his 18 month-old
Honey Crisp ... Planted in serious Sand-Gravel-Rock...
Just Amazing. The Trees are gorgeous... Phenomenal growth and just
very Healthy. But he's doing all the right stuff with Redox-Fertigation.

******Q & A ...Yes** You CanBut You'll notice on Pg.288+289--MSU-
E-154 that you should **wait** with the *2,4-D on Stone Fruits* until those
Tress have been in the Ground at least 1 full Year.

.....And also... I can't think of any Amine-Type-2,4-D-Products
that are Labeled on Blues.... ??? And it's not mentioned for Blues in E-
154.

The Blues Boys can use *Aim2EC*.... That does just about the same "Job-
Description" But more money-per-acre-cost to use it.

******RememberCheap--Cheap--Cheap....**

If you're out there Identifying your Weed-Grass-Targets...and all you can
see is some really actively growing Grass...??? ...no
BroadLeaves..?? Then all you need is Active Ingredient 'Clethodim'
....Won't hurt anything except Grass....

MSU calls it SelectMax 0.97E. Use 1 pt-per-Treated-Ac. The old
Clethodim2EC we use 8 oz.

Look at the Label....Use in Blues & Cane & Bramble & TreeFruit & Hops &
Strawberries..... Looks like everything except Grapes...??

AlsoCarefully Watch which Clethodim you get....There's some Pain-in-
the-A__ Politickn going on with those Labels. The old Clethodim2EC
only costs \$3.60-Acre..... it's a **26%A.I.**product ...while the most
popular-clethodim-A.I.Product Listed is "SelectMax 0.97E" ...a

12.6%A.I.product.... less than half-strength.... And... 2X-per-Ga.Cost
.... It ends up costing about 4X more to use the SelectMax ... but they have
manipulated the Labels so that the old Clethodim2EC is now only talkin
about use in "Non-Bearing" Tree-Fruits...?? Lets talk.

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******All These Weed-Spray-Efforts** Remember what the Row-Crop Guys told us about the 'Hard-to-Kill' Dock-Weeds and others... Where they just assumed they would have to go back and do a fairly prompt 2nd Appln..... Wherever they used the 1-pint-acre Vintre Super-Adjuvant from ORO-Agri....They did not need the ReSpray.

******UnHolie Molie** Some seriously bad '**Cracking**' horror stories in Honey Crisp from some Area Fresh-Pack-Plants. So sad. Huge hit on the Pack-Out\$-Return\$.... Some potentially Hi-Dollar U.S.Extra Fancy Returns knocked back below 50%-Pack-Out due to Cracking and Bitter-Pit. ☹

******Over-All....** Most Apple Guys are '**Pickn-Out-Short**' of their Guesstimates..... and this Wind is not helping right now either.

Keep Your Chin Up r

