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# Fruit Ridge Notes

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**Greetings Friends ....**  
**Wow.... 5 Days til CHRISTmas !!!**

**There's a significant amount of Pruning goin on in Blues and Apples..... But so dang muddy in some spots.**  
**I'm Praying for a White Christmas !!!! .....Mainly-Mostly for my GrandBeautyBabyBlessings ....**

**\*\*\*Q & A ....** Yes. I think I just mentioned this in the last several days .....Chlorpyrifos is still with us ..."Alive & Well" ....But who can guess for how many more Seasons...??? It is the best-most-butt-kickn-Organophosphate Chemistry that is still legal. Other OPs I like that are still alive are Imidan and Diazinon.....

Diazinon is only barely alive...Just like Chlorpyrifos.... *They* are trying to kill it...."They" being the DoGooderKnowNuthinGreenies" at the Fed. Some of the most popular Names for Chlorpyrifos in the "4E" Liquid Formulation...???

Lorsban4E

Hatchet

Warhawk

Govern

Pilot

Vesper

Whirlwind

**Yuma** ....and some BNRs have their own "4E" Labeled for their own Company.... But my advice..... Just plan to get it here at RGSs to make sure the One going into Your Tank-Mix is legally labeled in Michigan for the Crop you are applying it on. Labels change ....Manufacturers 'make deals' effecting the different States for Marketing leverage ....Things change quite quickly without notice. *Keep it simple* ...Let Deanna worry about it. Order it here ....616.887.9933 616.678.7708

I have not heard of any "short-supply" of this yet, but remember...The Manufacturers likely would not be making a huge Inventory of Product that could be called Illegal any time soon.

.....Remember .... This "4E" is huge important to You if you are in \*Apples \*Cherry \*Peaches \*Nectarines \*Prunes \*Plums \*Grapes \*Cranberries \*Strawberries \*\*\*Nearly All Vegies and \*RowCrops & Grains.....This stuff is a truly great one....

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Very Under-Priced when stacked-up next to it's Performance..... and when compared to one of those New Chemistries that has only 1 or 2 Targets and cost \$55-Acre...??? I seriously hate those.

\*\*\*\***Every Year-End** we all hear the same rumors .... mostly about the same Products that are supposedly gonna be short ...or are going up in cost. Almost every time that is 99% hype. Some products actually come down in Pricing because of competition....every Year something comes down. Like Warrior...??? \$1.55 - Acre @ Full-Rate ...???!!!

Look at the 1-MCP stuff.... Thats been coming down in Grower-Cost for a few Years now... But there's one or two other Manufrs that have a Generic in Trials in the PNW.... That Patent is all done. I think Smart-Fresh has been coming down in anticipation of that 'new Competition' ....??? ...Don't Ya think...???

\*\*\*\***Had a Nice Visit** with a Sharp Guy wondering about how our "Beneficial-Predator-Friends" fared in the 10-Ac-Trial-Blocks wherein we used multiple Apps of the Nukes.... Nukes like Warrior--Permethrin--Asana--Etc....??

Great question....I am checking with my Cooperators.... I know we had Zero Problems....No Insect-Pest-Targets like Aphids or Mites or Hoppers or STLM or Woollies or SJScale ... Nothin. I'm checkn on the Beneficials Report.

I have learned that Beneficials are tougher than what we might think. MSU-Phil told me that when we spray Sevin Insecticide for Thinning at Petal-Fall-1st-Cover, we slaughter 30-40% of the Beneficials that are out there ....But they really come back quite quickly.

\*\*\*\***Got Your BumbleBee** Pollinators Ordered ....????? Please Hurry !!!

\*\*\*\* **Ol Pal Kenny Conran** might be gettin out of ReHab tomorrow....Comin home.... ??? Prayers answered. But the Medical-

Experts cannot tell for sure what caused his episode.... 🤔😞 ... so he is kinda POD.

***Warm Regards ... And Warmest Wishes to All of You... for a Splendid & Joyous & Blessed CHRISTmas Celebration !!!***  
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