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Good Morning Pals ..... Wow... Another Friday ....Already..... .....Good Grief .... Im gettn Old... 🙄

**WunderGround.Com/Forecast/US/MI/Sparta**.... hasn't changed to much from early Yesterday... Rain On-Off Yesterday-Today til Noon....

**Apple Scab...???** ... Started Rainin here west of Sparta around Noon Yesterday....Kept on Drizzln... OnGoing Infection.... This Type of Infection is when/how we get Scab on the Fruit, and yet not on the Foliage ....

The Leaves have absorbed plenty of Protection from our 2-Alt-Centers-Week-'''**005**''' +Captan + EBDC Fungicides ...but the tiny Fruit doesn't systemically absorb like the Foliage does. We gotta just stay covered every Monday & Thursday....Alternate-Rows==1/2 Covers == 1 Full Cover per week. We have proven for 30 Years that this works. This Rain is done here West of Sparta by 10am...??? And in many Areas, it will be the end of a 35-40 Hr-Wet-Event....Serious.

\*\*\*\* **So ... Two or Three Weeks Yet -- Primary** Scab on Apples... We have been doing the 2-Alt-Centers-per-Week which gets us our 1 Complete Cover-per-Week...

When Primary is over, we will go to 1-Alt-Center-per-Week... I always say shoot for Mondays....But whatever Day you like is great. This will get us our 1 Complete Cover every **2** Weeks. At that time we are Blowin-Thru significantly More Foliage....A Lot More..... But ...In over 85% of the Orchard Systems you see installed around the Ridge...??? We are still getting over 85% Coverage....especially if you're runnin one of those Late-Model-\$89,000-Rigs...??? But...Even if you are still runnin a Rig that you've used for 18 - 25 Years...?? No Problem...You know your limitations...You are likely goin Slower-mph... and You are Gittn-R-Dunn....

\*\*\*\* **Q & A... Yup...Whenever you notice a "Rate-Range"...** Like 3-4-5-oz-Acre... in these FRNotes ... ?? It is for you to plug in your own Situational-Variables....as in \*TRV..... \*Degree-of-Infestation .... \*Issue-Severity....\*Tree-Vigor....\*Etc\*Etc...

**Example:** Phytophthora/Wet-Feet/Crown-Rot Issues.... Where the Trees are in Serious Trouble....Do 3-4-5 Qts-Ac-Foliar Formula-II-SW or K-Phite-7LP...Do 3 - 4 - 5

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Applns.... 7-10-Da-Intervals... But ...after that ...when it looks like Symptoms are calming..... maybe 2-3 Pints -Ac...frequently.

**Example:** Kudos on Younger FBlight-Susceptible-Trees that have not 'Filled-Their-Space' yet... 2-3 oz-Ac... But on Production-Trees that like to put on 35"-45" of Shoot Growth...4-5 oz-Ac.... 4 - 5 Apps \*\*\*\* **Besiege ...** Indeed...ButtKickn-Insecticide... **Very Good Choice**... One component you have here is the Ol Warrior, which is like 'Free'...by itself @ Full-Rate==\$2.50..?? But the other Compound in this 2-Part-Chemistry'''Besiege''' is one of the normally really pricey Active Ingredients in VoliamFlexi... VoliamFlexi has 2-Components also... And at Full-Rate is **\$47**-Acre... Besiege at Full-12 oz-Ac-Rate == **\$27**.

And check out E-154-Pg.117....They Rate-Besiege "**E**" for AMaggot, C.Moth, F.TreeLeafRoller, GreenFruitWorm, OBLR, OFMoth,

RedBanded, STLM, TarnshedPlantBug, WALH...and Rated ""**G**"" on BMSB. GreenAphid, P.Curc and Rosies.....

....and remember this is Toxic to Bees, Mite Predators & Insect Predators...

\*\*\*\* Hot Weather... Black-Stem-Borer ... Be watching for Borings on Trunks and main Limbs...

If you are Keeping All the Right Stuff in Your Tank ...???...Like all the Real-Low-Cost-Hi-Efficacy Fave Products... You are very likely already controlling these...??

The same can be said for WALHs.... Sooo Easy-Cheap to Control-Eradicate  $\triangle$   $\bigcirc$  No excuse to ever see any...

STLM same thing.... Aphids=Same Thing...

\*\*\*\* Lots of Guys Evaluating Now.... Trying to determine If-Where-Any Thinning is Needed.... There are most certainly some Spots where they need a few peeled off... Some places a lot...

.... and then there are some Low-Spots that wont need anybody with a Pickin-Bag...

\*\*\*\* **Those Sweets & Tarts** InterPlanted in this 10-Acre-Apple-Trial-Block east of our House....???

Looks like about 10%-Crop... The Freezes left enuf to give the Birds a small Taste... just a Taste ...

**And...** Our N.Y.-Wayne County Pals are looking at a pretty Fair Apple Crop....

Some real Low-Spots certainly thinned out...But ....Probably 2/3 -- 3/4 Crop...???

**\*\*\*\*As You Evaluate...**when you 'Cut-Fruitlets'...??? When you see Fruitlets with 1 or zero Seeds...that seem to growing just fine...??? Chances are you used Perlan there after the Freeze to try to save your Crop. In 2012 some Folks set a 1200-Bu-Acre-Crop of nearly 100% "Seedless" Apples. God's Peace....