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Fruit Ridge Notes from Ron Reister C.C.A.

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Greetings from Gooding St... On Behalf of Our RGSs Team at Fruit Ridge & M-37 & 17 Mile Rd!!!

We Hope You are All getting thru this Crazy-Shut-Down-Weirdness.... Maybe another Week or so yet...???

Very serious **Cold Temps** early this AM.....

Some Snow Clouds moved into the Hart-Shelby and Ridge-Area pretty Early... Some spots staved around 28*...???

A RGSs Fave in Shelby Area is still mostly all 1/4 Inch-Green-Stage on Apples...They had 25*F in a Low-Spot...

"WunderGround"... predicts our next 10 Day-Avg-High = 53* ...

....While our 30-Yr-Avg-Normal High for this last part April = 60* Snowin here 8am ... I don't remember any April that Snowed so much so easy... (2)

**** OK... Almost Yes..??? There are I'm sure some other Calcium Foliar Products that you can maybe safely Tank-Mix with your "*Kudos*" prohexadione...???

But the 3 that we carefully scrutinized in the Two-10-Acre-2019-Trials ...???....were the *** Ridge CAL-BPC-Phite Plus...
*** Main Stay S.I.... *** Foli CAL....

Not only are these amazing Performers, but they actually compliment the Tank-Mix-Process....

Another Key-Point to mention about Tank-Mixing with the many different Top-Shelf-Hi-Tec-Virgin-Grade-Inert-Ingredient-Compositions that we often include in the same Mix....?? Most all of our Guys that make this look so easy also use the "'Indicate-5" Surfactant-Adjuvant from Brandt. This as you know does the **Sequestering [replacing all the AMSs] and the **pH-Reducing and a lot of the **Spreader and **Water-Conditioner and **pH-Indicating work....

Yup...It actually shows you what your pH is... If your Tank is clean, just put in 100 gal. Clean Water from your normal Spraying-Water-Source.... then add 1 Pint Indicate-5...and see what color the Tank-Water turns... If it turns Pink, your pH is apprx 5.0. Lots more Details about this procedure on the Label... Very Cool.....

**** I Noticed Jeff Alicandro agrees with many of You Guys....Endorsing a Orchard-Floor-Grass-Seed-Mixture that consists roughly of

1/3 ChewingFescue...1/3 RedFescue... 1/3 BarcleyPerennial Rye... Orch-Floors have really gotten tore-up in the last Cupla-Years... (2) 14050 Fruit Ridge Ave Kent City, MI 49330

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**** **Talking with a Neighbor** that was visiting with one of his Neighboring-Grower-Pal... that was saying he is... "All done with using Coppers. They don't do much anymore, and Ya gotta use Full-Rate so they cost \$40-Acre, and they make a terrible mess of our equipment."

Wow.... It actually literally hurts my heart to ponder that Will some of You Guys *Pleeeaase* tell more of your Neighbor Pals about *CS2005 from Magnabon* ..???!!!!!???

We consider Full-Rate to be 1 Qt in 50 GWA...!!!! \$16

And we proved in 2019 Trials that "**005**" controls Scab all by itself!!!.... *Seriously!!! In the ridiculous-Soggy-Scabby* 2019!!!!!

**** Yup-- One Other Grower Pal asked me about that new Ca.Product claiming Silicon...???

I cannot find it anywhere even on *that Company's Own WebSite* !!!!! And of course not on "Agrian" ...

Supposedly has 1% Silicon... ?? Our MainStay-S.I.Calcium has 22% [SiO2]

Some Guys wince a little bit when they contemplate the Cost of our "S.I."...?? Ya gotta know that there just isnt another Ca-Product like this S.I. from Redox....

On Your Honeys...??? 1 Qt-Acre-Every 7-10 Days.... \$14-Ac... Some Unfortunates spend more than that on Ca-Products that do very little.

And some very Smart Money Guys that have completely defeated "Bitter-Pit"...Also do Soil-Applied "'MainStay-Calcium" ...which is *not* the "'S.I."...but has radical Penetrants and works crazy good in Soils getting into the Tree-Root-Complex.

**** **Q & A ...** That ORO-Product that Kills Aphids & Mites and Disease Pathogens is "**Prevam**" ...

I pronounce it 'preevam' ... It radically penetrates the soft-body-tissue of the Pathogen or Insect and simply Drys-it-Out.... Really works.

Contact only ...so we get *reeeaally* good Coverage.

Lots of Problems become NonExistent if we always get *reeeaally* good Coverage...

Thats the BeautyBenefit of Alt-Center-Spraying... 1st Center we get 80% - 95% Coverage, depending on wind... 2nd-Center we get 80% - 95% Coverage depending on wind... But we get around 180% Coverage on that Appln.... and normally we go every 3 - 4 days, getting us a "Hit" on the newest Foliage that we might miss if going only Once-a-Week...

Warmest Regards