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Hello Pals .....

Thank You -- Great Response to Yesterdays "Last-Call" .... for the

Upcoming Jan.17th "Redox-University" Opportunity....

**'R.U.'** ... Where You will be exposed to some Eye-Opening Soil & Plant Science Realities.

I am very pleased to know I'll be seeing so many of You there !!!!

No....This Weather isnt hurting anything .... I'm just Cantankerous ....

I like a Winter with a bunch of 19\*F-Temps.... a whole bunch of SunShine .... and 19 Inches of Snow with No Wind.

If we keep that 19\*F, then we keep the same 19" of Snow. We only need to Plow 1 Time.... And a bunch of SunShine keeps us all in great Spirits !! ...and keeps the SnowMobilers are Happy too !!

**\*\*\*\*Pruning Trees -- Jeff** Alicandro reminds us that "'Tree-Heights exceeding 80% of the Row-Spacing will result in inadequate SunShine Levels and Poor Cropping in lower Scaffolds" ... and, the taller Tree-Tops often are hard to reach with Scab-I-Cides.

The Alicandro Crew has seen/documented old 40 Ft-Tree-Row Spacings with heavy Apple Fruit-Set right down to the limbs hanging in the Weeds ...and yet unfortunately they are seeing increasing percentage of modern 10' - 12' - 14' Row Spacings which are nearly Blank in the bottom 30% of the Tree Canopy. They have seen this in High-Density Apple and also in Peach plantings.

The 'SunShine' is just so huge in all of our Production Success. You all might recall me mentioning 1 older Wayne County N.Y. Processing Block..... Romes & Idas I think .... planted 30' x 30'...where the Operator has his Program dialed in real tight.... Following all of Jeffs helpful hints.... Thinning.... Nutrients... Pruning... and Averaging over 2100-Bu-Ac.Yr-In-Yr-Out.... Some Years 2700 Bu....some years 1500 Bu-Acre. I drive by that same Block 2 - 3 times a Year. Amazing. 15 Year Average .... 2100 Bu-Yr. Deanna sells that Guy Bumble Bees.

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So .... Consider this alternative ... Send an EMail to Jeffs Daughter Lindsay Alicandro-LaMora, and RSVP for their Big Agr.Assistance-Winter-Grower Meeting... on Tuesday March 5 - 2019 -- Usually around Lyons N.Y....Details will be coming soon. They have some Manufacturer Research & Development folks Speaking ... and usually some Cornell Folks .... It starts fairly early...7.30am - 8am....goes til 12.30 or 1pm...Then a real Nice Lunch. Theres several Breaks ...Lots of Door Prizes .... Very much like our Reisters Winter Meetings & Expo in later February. There's close to 20 Manufr-Vendors there with Expo-Like-Tables set-up....to Visit with when you go on a 'Break'.... Very much like our RGSs Winter Meetings & Expo later in February.... 🗇 🐵 There's normally around 200 Growers there .... Mostly all about Apples.... maybe because Wayne County N.Y. is the largest Apple Producing County in the U.S. I'll be speaking to that Group for a few Minutes ... Lookin Fwd to it.

Have You Ever Noticed that a Womans "*I'll be Ready in 5 Minutes*" and a Mans "*I'll be home in 5 Minutes*" are exactly the same ...???

Warmest ..... r

