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**June 25 .....Only 6 Months til Christmas.**

### Apple Guys ...

**Amy-MSU-is Confirming what Most All of Ya's have been saying for a few Days now....  
Zero Spores caught .... Scab-2019 Over.**

**If You** are squeaky clean with no Secondary Scab Issues, You would now be dropping to 1 Full-Cover every 2 Weeks...the Strategy most of Ya started several days back.

As mentioned earlier, doing a Center Monday and the other Center the next Monday to make up your Full-Cover every 2 Weeks...???  
...Really makes sense. So you would be Spraying every Monday.

### \*\*\*\*Have You Been doing Only "CS2005" Systemic Copper Bactericide-Fungicide from MagnaBon ...???

...I mean as your **Only Apple-Scab-Control Chemistry**...??? ...Doing a Full Cover every Week **Since 1st Crack Green**....like 9 Weeks back...???

I would guess very likely Not....

But that's what we have been doing on our 10-Ac-Trial-Blocks.... Only "**005**" at varying Rates-per-Acre....Starting out with 1 Qt-Ac-Each of the 1st two weeks of Green, then sometimes **16oz** or **24oz** depending on Scab-Pressure.....Sometimes a Quart..... for 9 Weeks straight now.

I mentioned a few days ago what one Expert told me to be watchful of, that the "**005**" is Systemic on the Foliage...

... but may not be as Strong-Successful on the Fruitlet-Skin-Tissue....??? ....without a Residual-Protectant-Chemistry in the Mix...???  
**So ....**

Guess what I found.... On a few Red Delicious Fruitlet, a little bit of Scab toward the Calyx end.

I enlisted others to help look. Consensus is that I am correct.

In spite of the beautiful clean disease-free dark-green-lush Foliage, there are a few spots of Scab on 00.000001 % of the Fruitlets. You really have to look a long time to find one.

We are **not** going to start any "Rescue" Captan-Counter-Attack yet.... We want to wait and see how the "**005**" alone handles all the Summer Diseases.

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We are also being very intensely watchful for any Fruit-Finish-Russet ...Comparing to adjacent "Grower-Standard" blocks where there has been a more common CapToZeb normal ScabiCide type program used.

But this explains how the Organic Production Guys have had such success against Scab with using OMRI-Listed-"005" ...

And all of the Stone-Fruits in that Block still look happy .... as happy as they can be where the Apple Trees are crowding them out.... 9 Weeks straight of "005" ...

We'll keep ya'll in the loop....

\*\*\*\***Captan8oWDG Remains the "Go-To"...** for burning out Secondary-Scab. Full-Rate=5 Lb-Ac once a week - 3 to 4 Apps if you also get some good dry air SunShine to compliment your efforts....??? If you get cool-cloudy-drizzle-crap conditions, it could take 5-6 Apps.

\*\*\*\* **Technically....** This has been one of the "Lowest-Fire-Blight-Pressure" Springs in a long time. But now its getting to be more like Summer.

Watch those New Blocks with the Rag-Tag-Bloom and lush new growth ...and also any 'Grafted' Blocks.

Anticipated Trauma...??? Keep all High-Risk-Varieties

...Honeys..... Fuji... Gala protected with "005" and Strep... a Pint & a Lb.

\*\*\*\* **Alicandro** Tells his Guys that wherever they have any '*Under-Thinned*' - '*Over-Cropped*' situations, to start now adding into the Cover-Sprays-Tank-Mix 4-5 ppm NAA.... like 3 oz-Ac of your Refine NAA.[11] ...to jump-start the Return-Bloom Process. He also says to add in VitaZyme to help with Return Bloom efforts.

So far, all the NAA Makers have kept their Formulations the same as in ppm.... like 4 oz-product gets you 10 ppm NAA. But always double-check the Label.....or just use the Best for the Cheapest ...Refine 3.5WSG.

\*\*\*\* **Yes.... The 1st App "Parka"** goes on Apples at "100% Petal Fall" .... But its not too late.... Much of the early Trial work proves real efficacy when applied 3 weeks PostBloom.

So...Now is good.

Then a 2nd App 21-30 Days out... then a 3rd App 21 - 30 Days after the 2nd.

Use 1 Ga.Parka in 100 ga.Water. Strive for excellent coverage. Some of you have TRVs that you're getting 100+% Coverage using 50 GWA. So you're actually getting 2 Qt-Ac-Parka.

Best Regards ....r