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Hey Faves.... MSU-Amy Said Yesterday,

...that if we look in the right spot, we can find some Green Tissues visibly exposed on some early Varieties-Apples???

Anything close by my house is still lookn pretty tight.... and the extended ForeCast is favoring us...

But if you look on your south Slopes on those lighter Soils, you'll likely see it... Exposed Green.... What we call "'1st-Crack-Green"' ... a Grower Pal just told me he has some Honeys near Grant where he found some 'Green' in some Cracks. Another Pal in the Heart of the Ridge found some Green this afternoon in Gala Bud-Cracks.

****** Q & A Asking about my 1st-Appln-Tank-Mix I posted Yesterday....**

~~Why the PermUp...???

~~What is PermUp...???

Permethrin ...

It is a good ol' Pyrethroid-Nuke....I Love Nukes. I like it in the 1st Appln just Because

**Because it is so cheap its almost free..... \$5 ...?? and...

**Because there's a few detrimental Insect Pests in their Primordial Stages that will indeed not like it. Did I mention it's like almost Free...???

**Because I like to consider the working Comfort of all of our Workers ... I like to try to eradicate those little flies that pester them.

**Because it's several days too early for Chlorpyrifos 4E

****** Q & A Potassium....in the 1st App..??** Actually that Potassium is really great for everything.... My target is actually the Soil. This is a very Low-Cost--"'Nuthin-Fancy-K"' That 2 lbs is not even \$5....and its extreme highly Soluble. It's getting me almost the same actual "'K"' as 80-100Lbs-Muriate-0-0-60..... And mine is compatible with and actually loves all the other stuff in the Tank-Mix. With the other Tank-Mix-Partners, some of this Potassium will of course do some of our Fruit Buds some good. But it is not systemic all by itself. But my Target is actually the Soil. All my Blow-By is getting to the Soil.

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***** **Q & A Whats up with the Phoenix...??** Thats just a **Liquid** HiCal-Carbonate Lime ProductMade from Lime like you get in 50 lb.Bags for the Garden.... a white Powder.... but in a Liquid. Some Good-Ol-Boy Ol-Timers that it was important to use it with Coppers. You dont really need it for that....at least not with our ""005"". But I like the Calcium part of it, as a Soil Amendment And, my Guys that don't do any old-fashioned-Liming anymore now use the Phoenix instead. All of my Phoenix BlowBy is getting to the Soil.

**** **How does that 1Lb-EBDC** that We might do figure into the "Program" ...

OK...Kinda tricky but not too bad. That "Program" calls for a 3Lb or a 6Lb per-acre-appln-Rate. Like 7 - 3lb.Apps or 4 - 6 lb.Apps. My Guys that have done this 1 Lb thing in Years past just make a 3 Lb-Entry in the Official Book after they have 3 Lbs applied. Keep it simple.

**** **That Teb**-45DF is a Tebuconazole..... Orig.= "Elite" ...still has very good activity on Mildew and some other Disease Concerns but very sketchy-poor on Scab....

But so Low-Cost-Cheap [\$6-\$8] I like to make sure its in the Mix. But Remember.... ""005"" is also fairly strong against Mildew. If you really do not have any concerns about mildew at all, you might consider leaving this one out of the mix.

*****When You get into a Serious-Scab-Pressure**-Scenario, remember..... Captan is still the most serious Butt-Kicker we have. Full Rate 80WDG = 5 Lbs.-Acre. You're allowed 40 Lbs.-per-Ace-per-Season. "o"Zero-Days-P.H.I. 24 Hour REI. This is the best stuff for if you end up in a "Secondary-Scab" Battle later on.

*** **With All that Being Said.....** The most critical thing in that Tank right now ...1st-Crack-Green.... to control Apple Scab and F.Blight is of course your **CS2005**. 1 Qt-Acre

Warmest Regardsr

.....My Son Matthew got me a really Cool Beer Mug Its Inscribed

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It Says

""That's What I Do ... I Drink, and I Know Things.""

☺☺☺☺Cracks me up. Luv It.