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**Soil & Foliar**

**Nutrition**

**Not An Exact Science**

**Snake Oils Do Exist**

# Soil Nutrition

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**Apply nitrogen after harvest to get into buds for following year's crop.**

**Stay with a lab you trust**

**Sample properly**

**Compare with top blocks**

# Soil Nutrition

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## Relatively Immobile Elements

**Zinc**                      **2 PPM**

**Iron**                      **10 PPM (2 times that of  $M_N$ )**

**Magnesium**            **10% of exchangeable bases**

**Manganese**            **3 PPM**

**Calcium**                **65-70% exchangeable bases**



# Soil Nutrition

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## Slightly Soluble Elements In Soil

**P 20 PPM pretty immobile in soil**

**K 5-7% of exchangeable bases**

**17 lbs actual K per acre to raise  
soil level 1 PPM**

**Moves reasonable well thru soil**

# Soil Nutrition

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## 3 Very Soluble Elements In Soil

**Nitrogen** ?

**Sulfur** **20 PPM** *1:5 ratio with nitrogen*

**Boron** **2 PPM**

# **Nutrients Mined From The Soil**

## **When A Crop Is Picked**

**Assume Red Delicious At 50 Bins Per Acre**

**Moisture content at 83.4%**

**Average bin weight 875 lbs**

**Dry matter content (16.6%) = 7,262 lbs**

# **Nutrients Mined From The Soil When A Crop Is Picked**

## **Mined Nutrients – lbs per acre**

**K (potassium)      6910 ppm = 50 lbs K/acre**

**N (nitrogen)      2500 ppm = 18 lbs N/acre**

**P (phosphorous)      760 ppm = 5.5 lbs P/acre**

**Ca (calcium)      542 ppm = 4 lbs Ca/acre**

**Mg (magnesium)      350 ppm = 2.5 lbs Mg/acre**

**S (sulfur)      255 ppm = 2 lbs S/acre**

# Soil Nutrition

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**Soil Biologicals**

**Carbon**

**Beneficials**

**Soluble Paste extract testing**

# Foliar Nutrition

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## Leaf Tissue Nutrition

*Stay with a lab you trust*

*Sample properly*

*Compare with top blocks*

# Ideal Leaf N

- ❖ Fujis & Goldens 2.1-2.3%
- ❖ Galas 2.3-2.5%

# Foliar Nutrition

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## Leaf Feeds W/O Chelates

### Solubles

Nitrates

Sulfates

Chlorides

Urea

### Insolubles

Carbonates

Phosphates

Oxides

## Chelates

EDTA's, Amino Acids, Organic acids, Citric acid



# Fruitlet Analysis

## N:CA ratios

Hard 7:1

Soft 12:1

Non Bitter Pit 7:1

Bitter Pit 11:1

K+Mg is bad if close to 30 & desirable is  $\leq 24$   
CA

# PGR's

## Maxcell (6-BA) 5-15 MM

3 day average highs of 75° (62° average) worked

3 day average highs of 66° (54° average) didn't work well

Sevin (Carbaryl)-same temperatures

Provide (GA<sub>4</sub>+GA<sub>7</sub> (Typrus or Nova Gibb)

NAA

Ethrel (Ethephon)

Promalin (GA<sub>4</sub>+GA<sub>7</sub>+6BA) (Typy)

# Surfactants

## 1. Oils

## 2. Non-Ionic

**Regulaid-(Simulaid)**

**Silicones-(Sylgard, Silwet, SI-100)**

## 3. Stickers

**Nu-Film 17, Shur-stik**