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Cleaning

Posted by Nathaniel Bouman

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Nathaniel Bouman

Registered: 9 years ago Cleaning

Posts: 81

June 11, 2018 10:01PM

Got a pretty solid film of fatty acids, oils and sulfur stuck to the outside of my tractor and sprayer. Anything recommended to put in the sprayer to use to clean off the tractor?

Nat Bouman

Growing cider varieties in Zone 5b

On B.118 at 18X24

Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania

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Henry Hunt

Registered: 5 years ago Re: Cleaning

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I used stylet (high grade mineral oil) to scrub lime sulfur off a tractor this year but I wouldnt do it again, it's liable to melt any o-rings it could come into contact with. Otherwise, I've been using the purple solvent cleaner from NAPA, works well. I use a power washer and hand scrubbing, I'm not sure a garden hose or wand sprayer would cut it unless to jack it up to 3-400 PSI.

Someone recommended that one rub sprayers down with oil BEFORE spraying anything substantially sticky, haven't had a chance to try it but should keep too much stuff from sticking as you spray.

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Mike Biltonen Registered: 11 years ago Re: Cleaning

Posts: 298 June 14, 2018 02:19AM

I have two words for everyone interested in this thread: Turtle Wax. Actually, any car wax will do. Apply this to your tractor, sprayer, operator, barn, etc. and lime sulfur will not affix itself and the cleaning process will be effortless. so to speak.

Mike Biltonen, Know Your Roots

Zone 5b in New York

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Zea Sonnabend

Re: Cleaning June 22, 2018 08:11AM

Posts: 58

Registered: 10 years ago

Nutra sol is what is usually recommended for cleaning residues in sprayers. It should work on the outside of the equipment too. We coat our tractor and sprayer with horticultural oil before using lime sulfur. Then it washes off better.

Fruitilicious Farm

Zone 9b in California

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