

TRIPLE A RANCHES



We have known our TRC sales representative, Matt Craven, for several years. We have always valued his opinion and trusted his expertise when it comes to protecting our equipment, and even with our equipment repairs. So when Matt told us he was with Texas Refinery Corp, we were eager to see the difference they could make in our operation. And what a difference it made!

The biggest surprise was **Sling Saver**! When Matt first approached us and said he had a new shaker pad lubricant for our nut tree shakers, we were a bit skeptical. We agreed to try some and were impressed with how well it lubricated. We went all in on the Sling Saver this year. It stayed consistent and did not separate like lesser quality products on the market. We used the standard quart per tank (25 gal of water) and noticed that the slings stayed lubricated longer. One thing to note is that we have several thousands of acres of trees and they all sit on angles (no field is flat). This creates unusual wear pattern on the trunks. However, with Sling Saver, we had almost no debarking this year, which is a first for our operation! We also went through noticeably less rubber for our slings. Our pads stayed cooler and the slings stayed lubricated. Sling Saver resulted in a tremendous savings for us this year!

Hydrate Plus NF is another product we thought was too good to be true. We were shocked at how a little bit goes such a long way. We use it at a 1 pint per 100-gallon rate for every tank with chemicals for spraying on trees. It has performed extremely well with herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and everything else we spray. The clean nozzles and tank were the biggest surprise. We had no resprays with it in the tank this season! The coverage it provides is extremely noticeable when the droplets hit their target!

We switched to **Paragon 3000** grease and lost no bearings last season. When you look at all our equipment and the demanding nature of our orchard, you will understand what a big deal it is to not lose a single bearing! Our environment is hot and dusty and our shakers are under a tremendous amount of pressure. Paragon 3000 doesn't thin, it doesn't splatter out, and it doesn't allow the dust to work into our bearings.

We also started using **UTF Red**, **Moly XL Pro-Spec IV XP**, and **Ultra-Tec** gear oil. Our mechanics talk about what a thick oil film these products provide. We more than doubled our drain intervals and noticed all equipment running these products now runs quieter and cooler than previously.

In our chainsaws, we mixed **DZL-LENE XL/10** into the gas mixture which eliminated plugging in the carburetors. **No Splash with Paratac** and **Smokeless Air-Cooled Two Cycle** oil have made a huge difference in our chainsaws. The blades not only stay sharp longer, but they start easier, run quieter, and no longer smoke.

The last product we have been impressed with is **Sure Lube Drip Oil**. We depend on our pivots to supply water to our trees. In the past, using name brand oils, we had to monitor our drip oil levels. This oil maintains lubrication to our pump's thrust bearings. If they go dry, they could seize up and we would be down an irrigation pump for a few days. With Sure Lube Drip Oil, the drip is consistent no matter how hot or cold the outside temperature is.

Overall, TRC has made a huge difference in our operation and we cannot say enough about the quality of everything we have used. We are looking forward to the continued service from Matt and the performance from TRC.

Homer Garza

