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April 2022

The Official Newsletter of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association

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Friday, May 13, 2022

SPRING BUSINESS MEETING CAPE COD CRANBERRY GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

Schedule of Events

3PM

Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Business Meeting

4PM - 6PM

Legislative Awards • Grower Awards
News from CCCGA • CI • CMC

Location

Southers Marsh Golf Club
30 Southers Marsh Lane, Plymouth

Cost

\$30 per person

RSVP to Patti at psilvia@cranberries.org or 508-866-7878 X15 by Tuesday, May 3, 2022

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BLOGS AND BLURBS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE:

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural resources (MDAR) is accepting applications from Massachusetts farmers who wish to participate in one of these Department programs that help with farm viability in Fiscal Year 2023. The Request for Response containing program details and the application form is posted through a link on each program website below. If you would like an application mailed to you, contact the program coordinator listed. **The due date for all these three applications is Tuesday, April 26, 2022**.

Farm Viability Enhancement Program (FVEP) – for established farms. This program provides business planning and technical assistance to develop or update a business plan for established commercial farms that own and operate unrestricted farmland. In return for a short-term covenant to keep the land in agricultural use, operators may be eligible for grants to implement capital projects on the farm that have been identified in the business plan completed through the program. Grant levels range from \$75,000 to \$150,000, depending on the size of the farm and acreage protected, in return for a 10 or 15-year term covenant. Uses of funds will vary depending on the needs of the farm – examples include new or improved livestock barns or farm stores; purchasing delivery vehicles, tractors or haying equipment; constructing food processing or storage facilities.

For more information and a FVEP application, go to: <u>Farm Viability Enhancement Program (FVEP) |</u> <u>Mass.gov</u> or contact Melissa Adams at <u>Melissa.L.Adams@mass.gov</u> or 413-726-2001

<u>Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture (MEGA)</u> – for beginning farmers, who have been in business at least one (1) but no more than six (6) years who aspire to develop their farms into commercially viable operations. The program provides business planning and technical assistance, and grant funds of up to \$10,000 on a one-to-one matching cash reimbursement basis. Funds may be used for equipment, infrastructure, or other capital improvements identified through the business planning process that will have a positive impact on the participating farm's viability. Common uses of MEGA grant funds include greenhouses, barn renovations, tractor implements, chicken coops, farmstands, and refrigerated delivery trucks.

For more information and a MEGA application, go to: <u>Matching Enterprise Grants for Agriculture (MEGA) |</u> <u>Mass.gov</u> or contact Jess Camp at <u>Jessica.Camp@mass.gov</u> or 617-823-0871.

The Marcus Urann Scholarship is now accepting applications. The scholarship was established to provide financial assistance for education beyond the secondary level to the children of cranberry growers operating cranberry bogs and adjacent acreage in Massachusetts and to the children of their employees residing in Massachusetts, when a financial need for such assistance can be demonstrated. Bank of America, N.A., serves as Trustee. Award winners will need to reapply each year to qualify. If you would like to view the application, please click here.

CCCGA DUES - REMINDER

Just a reminder for our members that May 1st is the deadline to pay your 2022 dues. We are happy to provide a payment plan to meet your needs. Please contact Dawn or Patti at 508-866-7878 for more information.

If you have not sent in your payment for the year this could be the last copy of the newsletter you will receive. Please support your association and work that we do for the Massachusetts cranberry industry.

BLOGS AND BLURBS CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE:

Tariff Agreement Reached in United Kingdom

As you are aware, the United States cranberry exports to the United Kingdom had been hit with retaliatory tariffs for many years, stemming from the Steel and Aluminum tariffs put in place in 2018. We are happy to report that this past March a resolution had been attained. This agreement took many months of work by multiple commodity groups and government agencies. The Cranberry Marketing Committee, Cranberry Institute, CCCGA and other state growers' associations, handlers, our congressional delegation and the Biden administration all worked to help make this a reality. The following statement was jointly crafted to inform the grower community and recognize this significant effort.

"The U.S. cranberry industry welcomes the news of an agreement to remove retaliatory tariffs in the United Kingdom as a result of the settling of the long-standing steel and aluminum dispute. Since 2018, U.S. cranberry concentrate has faced a 25% retaliatory duty in the U.K. as a result of this issue. This duty has limited the U.S. cranberry industry's ability to export to the market. The removal of this tariff will ensure that U.S. cranberry concentrate can enter the market competitively, which will allow sales to expand. The U.S. cranberry industry thanks the Biden Administration for its work in resolving this trade barrier."

Cranberry Institute
American Cranberry Growers Association
Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association
Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association



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MDAR is now accepting applications from agricultural operations who wish to participate in the Department's Climate Smart Agricultural Program which includes the Agricultural Energy Grant Program. Grants are available to help agricultural operations make farm improvements that enhance their economic viability, help prevent negative impacts to environmental resource, adapt and mitigate climate change, improve energy efficiency, and adopt renewable energy technologies. If interested in applying, applications must be submitted with any supporting documentation by the program's deadline.

Climate Smart Agriculture Program

The <u>Climate Smart Agriculture Program</u> (CSAP) links MDAR's water, energy and climate grants together into one application. This includes the Agricultural Climate Resiliency & Efficiencies (ACRE) Program, the Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program (AEEP), and the Agricultural Energy Grant Program (ENER). This program continues the goals of the three individual grants by implementing projects that help the agricultural sector adapt to climate change, mitigate climate change, reducing or preventing impacts to natural resources that may result from agricultural practices, and that improve energy efficiency and facilitate adoption of alternative clean energy technologies

The CSAP grant is broken into two sections. Section I: Environment is for environmental projects such as soil health, water use efficiency, or other projects working towards reducing or limiting greenhouse gas emissions. Section II: Energy is Ag-Energy projects to improve energy efficiency or to facilitate clean energy adoption.

Applicants can apply to either or both sections.

Participants selected for funding under either section are provided with reimbursement grants for 80% of total project costs up to \$50,000.

COMMBUYS - Bid Solicitation - Applications due: 4:00PM on Friday, June 10, 2022

For more information contact:

Section I: Environment - Laura Maul, 617-626-1739, Laura.Maul@mass.gov

Section II: Energy - Gerry Palano, 617-626-1706, Gerald.Palano@mass.gov

MDAR's MA Farm Energy Program (MFEP) - Energy Audits - Technical Assistance – Be Prepared For the Upcoming Grant Programs

Remember, MDAR's <u>Farm Energy Program</u> has funds to help farms cover audits, energy efficient projects, and select renewable energy projects. We are still providing these services remotely.

<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: Now is the time to have a technical assessment completed for any energy project you are considering in preparation for upcoming energy grants! You will need a technical assessment to file an energy grant application whether with MDAR or USDA. Start planning now. If you wait too long you may not be able to have one scheduled in time! Remember our MFEP pays 75% of the technical assessment, first come, first served. Our MFEP is providing tele-assessments during this trying time.

Contact MFEP now for more information through the Center for EcoTechnology (CET), our partner carrying out the MFEP: 413-727-3090, <u>info@massfarmenergy.com</u>, or visit <u>www.massfarmenergy.com</u>, submit a *Request Form*, and then you will be contacted.



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CHANGING ON THE FLY

BY: BRIAN WICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This past month has been busy for growers getting ready for the growing season. It too has been a busy time for CCCGA as well. Below is a synopsis of some of the activities that we have been working on and some industry news to share. These are in no particular order. If anyone has any questions, please reach out to me to discuss.

- Museum to hold a 2-day cranberry festival at their museum grounds to celebrate MA cranberries on November 11 & 12. There will be children's activities, music, food/drink, a recipe contest, presentations on cranberries, and more. We will be helping the museum to identify sponsors for this program. Plimoth Pautext is taking the lead on much of the organizing but we are actively engaged in this new partnership with them. Our media consultant, Michelle McGrath is assisting CCCGA in helping to design the program and for marketing the event. If this goes well, we may look to make it an annual event.
- The Woodwell Climate Research Center (Woods Hole) is taking the lead on applying for a USDA Climate Smart grant application to study carbon sequestration in cranberries and the surrounding land. The UMass Cranberry Station and USDA/ARS, along with Woodwell will be conducting the research program. CCCGA is partnering on the proposal to be the linkage between the research and the grower community. If successful, this will be a multi-million, 5-year grant project that will look to quantify carbon in cranberries and develop opportunities for marketing and payment programs.
- We are working with Casey Kennedy and David Millar of USDA/ARS on a multi-year grant to evaluate drone technology in cranberries. This is focused solely on large-capacity drones that have the capability to apply fertilizers. This grant has had its share of challenges getting setup and Bonnie has shepherd us through the gauntlet of paperwork.

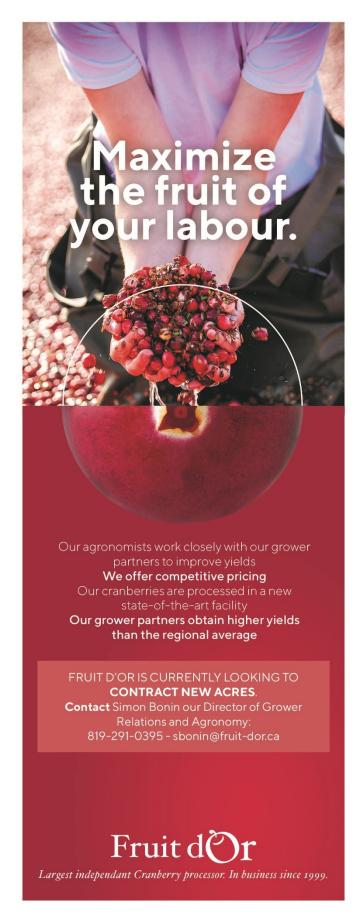
- Attorney General Maura Healey struck down the Wareham solar by-law in its entirety that was passed last spring. This by-law attempted to put a moratorium on new projects, required a 10-acre maximum in size and a prohibition on tree clearing. The town is voting on another by-law at this spring's town meeting, so we'll see where that will land.
- The town of Carver just passed a solar moratorium at their town meeting, resulting in a 12-month moratorium on new solar or battery storage projects. Worded quite differently from Wareham's attempt, we'll see if their proposal will pass the AG's office.
- We have word that the bog renovation tax credit regulations should be released in about a month. We'll make sure everyone knows when they are ready to be implemented.
- We are working with the state to determine when some of the ARPA funds will be released for bog renovation and capital improvement grant projects.
- There has been a rash of regulatory challenges popping up in our communities. Most of these are baseless from a regulatory perspective and demonstrate a lack of understanding of our state's wetland regulations and/or process. There is a portion of the populous who don't appreciate or understand agriculture and its importance to our region, environmentally and economically. CCCGA is actively involved in these situations, helping to ensure that cranberry agriculture is fairly represented and understood.
- We are working to identify a location for our future bog tours and develop an education center, museum and store to go along with this project.

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- We have completed our interviews for the bog tour manager position, the person that will be overseeing our tour program and planning other events. Kim Miot was our top candidate and is starting this week. We interviewed 10 candidates on Zoom and then brought 6 in for in-person interviews. The review team was Jim Hayward, Jon Jaffe, Glenn Reid and our office staff of Bonnie, Dawn, Patti and myself.
- We are working on planning the CCCGA spring business meeting to be held on Friday May 13 from 3:00-6:00 PM at Southers Marsh Golf Club. We will have a cocktail hour followed by presentations and awards. This is designed to be an opportunity for growers to learn more about what CCCGA is doing and to hear updates from CI, CMC and others.
- For those growers making pesticide decisions for more than 80-acres, CCCGA has been assisting many growers in getting renewals of their EPA NPDES Notice of Intent for pesticide applications. EPA has revamped the online process, causing numerous issues. This has taken a tremendous amount of time to get these processed and approved by EPA and Dawn took the lion's share of this workload. She has done a masterful job to get growers in compliance.
- The state has announced a new hiring incentive program called HireNow. \$4,000 is available for businesses that hire full-time employees between March 23 and December 31. CCCGA sent this out previously via email but if anyone is hiring, this is a great opportunity to have some start-up costs covered.
- I participated on an industry Zoom call with Rep. Jim McGovern's staff to discuss pending federal Child Care Act legislation, to help ensure that dried cranberries are included in this program.
- Patti has continued to track memberships, stay on top of member renewals notices and pump out the newsletter.

- CCCGA has a new and streamlined membership software that Bonnie is working to setup. This system when fully implemented will help CCCGA be more efficient and should help members with renewals, signing up for events and more.
- The CCCGA Research Committee and the Cranberry Research Foundation met to review horticultural research proposals. Elsewhere in the newsletter is a synopsis of what is approved for funding.
- I attended the FVAC Technical Subcommittee meeting to review Chapter 61A values for the upcoming tax season. More details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.
- I met with the new USDA/FSA director for Massachusetts, Dam Smiarowski.
- I virtually attended the recent CMC and CI board meetings.
- Activity continues as the state legislative session wraps up and we have our bills to try and push over the finish line.
- We're working on developing a program for Workforce Development that will help growers attract and attain new talent on the farm. We'll have more to report in the coming weeks.





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UMass Cranberry Pesticide Safety (via zoom)
Tuesday, April 26th 7:30 - noon ~ 4 Credits

CCCGA Spring Business Meeting Friday, May 13th 3 – 6PM Southers Marsh Golf Club, Plymouth

Annual Cranberry Research Foundation Golf Tournament

Monday, July 18th

Southers Marsh Golf Club

CCCGA Annual Meeting
Wednesday, August 31st
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THE GROWER PORTAL

BY: BONNIE SOULE

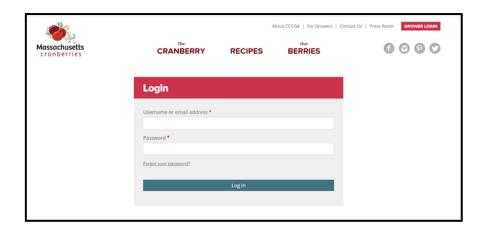


Cranberries.org Grower Portal

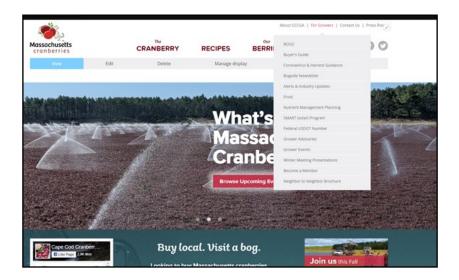
The Grower Portal was developed to provide access to grower specific information. All grower members have access to this section of our website using their email on file with the office or username (previously supplied at setup). To login, you simply click on the red GROWER LOGIN button at the top right corner of the website.



You will then get to the Login screen where you can input your username or email address and password. If you do not know your password, simply click on 'Forgot your password?' and you can reset it.



Once logged in, you have access to all the grower files by hovering over the 'For Growers' menu.



From FROST information to GROWER ADVISORIES and WINTER MEETING PRESENTATIONS, there are some great resources for everyone to access. If you feel we should have something there that isn't, please reach out to the office and let us know! Over the next several months we will be updating portions of this portal, so we wanted to remind everyone that it is accessible. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at bsoule@cranberries.org.



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- Bumblebees can deposit larger quantities of pollen to the stigma as compared to honeybees, requiring less visits for pollination.
- Bumblebees tend to have a more erratic flight pattern than honeybees which facilitates the movement of pollen across rows.
- Bumblebees will forage in lower light conditions than honeybees.

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The cranberry bloom is upon us and this means it's pollination time. The MDAR Apiary Program Team would like to remind growers that all honey bee colonies imported for pollination are subject to pest and pathogen inspections by Apiary Inspectors. To assess bee health, a team of Apiary Inspectors will work to visit as many bogs and apiary drops as possible to inspect a subset of hives representative of each specific beekeeper imported shipment. We appreciate your help in alerting the beekeepers that you work with of this requirement. Inspectors are happy to answer questions about the inspection process and will notify you prior to arriving to your property. For more information, please contact us a bees@mass.gov or 508-281-6784.







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The following horticultural research projects were funded this year by the CCCGA Research Committee and the Cranberry Research Foundation.

UMass Cranberry Station

PLANT NUTRITION: Nitrogen rate, application timing and frequency in cranberry Peter Jeranyama

Objectives:

- 1. to refine N rate response curves for second-generation hybrids 'Crimson Queen', 'Mullica Queen', 'Demoranville' and 'Haines' within the 40 to 100 lb/acre range
- 2. to test timing and frequency of fertilizer application in spring, and summer in the secondgeneration hybrids. Research in WI has already shown that fall fertilizer applications are not effective
- 3. to evaluate effects of frequency and timing on fruit yield but also in particular to fruit rot and fruit quality

PLANT PHYSIOLOGY: Towards precision agriculture in cranberry production: exploring the use of unmanned aerial systems (UAS).

Giverson Mupambi

Objectives:

The main objective of the research is to explore various ways in which UAS can aid in cranberry production. The first year is expected to be exploratory in nature, and based on the results, further research will be carried out to develop applications that growers can use.

- 1. Frost monitoring: The use of thermal imaging will be explored for mapping cold spots on cranberry bogs and improving the placement of temperature sensors used for frost protection. A preliminary study will explore the use of multispectral cameras to monitor bud development in the spring and correlate the data to spring frost tolerance thresholds.
- 2. Plant Diagnostics/nutrition: Explore multispectral cameras for plant diagnostics by detecting nutritional deficiencies in cranberry bogs. The data produced can be used in future UAS applications for targeted fertilizer applications.
- 3. Irrigation: Use UAS to map soil moisture content in cranberry bogs to improve irrigation uniformity and detect dry zones with sprinkle malfunction. Map out wet spots that may be prone to diseases like Phytophthora for corrective actions like tile drainage installation.
- 4. Insect damage: Utilize RGB imaging to map inset damage from Putnam scale and golden casebearer on cranberry bogs. A database will also be developed to understand the movement patterns of these insects over different growing seasons. The use of multispectral imaging to detect insect infestation/damage before visual symptoms will be explored.

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- 5. Weeds: Use UAS to map weed infestations. The data produced can be used in future UAS applications for targeted herbicide applications.
- 6. Disease detection: Use UAS to map disease infestations like Phytophthora and upright die-back. The data produced can be used in future UAS applications for targeted herbicide applications.

WEED MANAGEMENT/IPM

Hilary Sandler

Objectives:

- 1. Identify and screen unregistered herbicides for crop safety and efficacy.
- 2. Develop best use patterns for safe and effective unregistered compounds and for currently registered herbicides.

ENTOMOLOGY

Anne Averill

Objectives:

- 1. Monitor status of outbreak species
- Monitor insecticide resistance by quantifying weevil at sites with reported poor Actara performance
- 3. Establish Fanfare (bifenthrin) role in cranberry

PLANT PATHOLOGY

Leela Uppala

Objectives:

- 1. Evaluation of selected, unregistered, novel fungicides from FRAC groups 7, and pre-mix combinations of 7&12 and 9&12, for their effects on fruit rot and fruit quality.
- 2. Characterization of the prevalent fruit rot fungal pathogens in Massachusetts.
- 3. Continue data collection efforts to identify risk factors impacting fruit rot incidence.

Rutgers University

Testing alternative control tactics against cranberry insect pests: Biological control and host-plant resistance

Cesar Rodriguez-Saona

Objectives:

- 1. Evaluate biological control products based on entomopathogenic fungi against blunt-nosed leafhoppers.
- 2. Investigate the abundance of insect pests and their natural enemies in five varieties across cranberry farms.
- 3. Determine the levels of resistance among old and new varieties against multiple insect pests of cranberries.

VISITORS OF THE MONTH APRIL



Emme Allen loves to spend the day at the CCCGA office. She oversees the office staff, checking to see if we are busy at our computers or having a snack. She especially likes visitors and is happy to greet them as they come in the door. She certainly is welcome to spend the day with us whenever she would like.

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The Farmland Valuation Advisory Commission has announced the Chapter 61A values for Fiscal Year 2023. The 5 different yield categories for cranberries did drop based on the 2021 crop but the overall tax did go up slightly, as it's based on a 5-year average. For many growers, if you drop into a lower yield category, your tax rate may actually go down. All towns have been reminded by the Department of Revenue to put growers into the appropriate yield category. Be sure to include your yield information when you submit your Ch. 61A information and watch to ensure that you are properly assigned the right category by your town when your taxes are sent out. In the past, we have seen that a few towns automatically put growers into the highest tax category.



Geoffrey E. Snyder Commissioner of Revenue

Sean R. Cronin Senior Deputy Commissioner

FVAC CHAPTER LAND RECOMMENDED VALUE: FISCAL YEAR 2023

Per Acre Range of Values

Chapter Land 61 and 61A Use Categories	Productivity Based on Dominate Soil Ratings*			
	Use Code	Below Average	Average	Above Average
Cropland Harvested: Vegetables, Tobacco, Sod and Nursery	711, 712, 719	\$921	\$1,151	\$1,381
Cropland Harvested: Dairy, Beef and Hay; Tillable forage cropland, etc.	713	\$184	\$230	\$276
Cropland Harvested: Orchards, Vineyards, and Blueberries	714	\$921	\$1,151	\$1,381
Christmas Trees	602, 715	\$114	\$114	\$114
Nonproductive Land: Wetland, scrub land, rock land	720	\$57	\$57	\$57
Cropland pastured; Permanent pastured; Necessary and Related land—farm roads, ponds, etc.	716, 718	\$184	\$230	\$276
Productive Woodland; Land Use Categories – Chapter 61Forest Land or 61A land with a Forest Management Plan West of the Connecticut River	601, 717	\$86	\$108	\$130
Productive Woodland; Land Use Categories – Chapter 61Forest Land or 61A land with a Forest Management Plan East of the Connecticut River	601, 717	\$96	\$120	\$144

Use Code	Cranberry: Range of Production/ Barrels per Acre						
710	≤87	87≤114	114≤145	145≤169	>169		
Cranberry Values	\$967	\$1,289	\$1,611	\$1,933	\$2,255		

- Cropland Harvested This land represents the highest use of land in the agricultural enterprise. All land from which a crop was harvested, or hay was cut, in the current year falls into this category. This includes the land in vegetables, sod, nurseries, orchards, vineyards, other perennial plantings, and greenhouses.
- Dairy, Beef and Hay; Cropland Pastured, Other Cropland & Permanent Pasture Cropland used for
 pasture or grazing, or land considered as tillable but is elected to be fallow or in cover crops. It can and
 often is used to produce crops, but its maximum income may not be realized in a particular year. This
 category also includes land planted in crops, which were to be harvested after the census year, and land is
 typically not tillable, best suited for grazing or possibly part of an erosion control program, plus necessary
 and related lands.
- Nonproductive Land The land on the farm which is nonproductive primarily due to slope, drainage
 capacity, soil type or topography.

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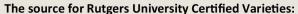
WELCOME KIM MIOT

Hello, I am very excited to begin my new role as CCCGA Cranberry Tour & Event Manager. Everyone has been so welcoming and helpful. I am eager to begin this tour season and work to grow the program. I come from a nonprofit community media background and bring developmental and organizational skills. I love working in the community and have developed programs that include promotional work, youth groups, membership, and collaboration across industries. I am excited to work in the cranberry industry and be part of this important agricultural product of Massachusetts. The people of Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association are filled with hard working folks, and I look forward to getting to know everyone. See you on the bog!

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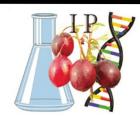
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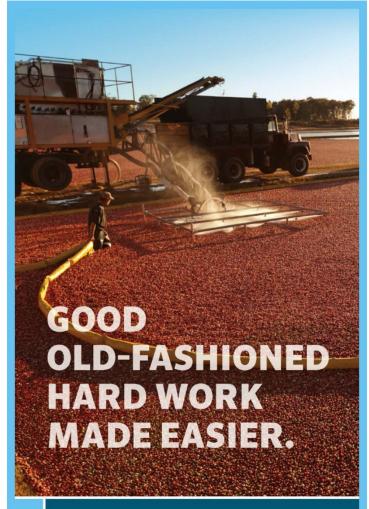
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HARVESTING THE PAST....

A HISTORICAL LOOK AT THE CRANBERRY INDUSTRY

BY: BONNIE SOULE

This month the Edaville Railroad celebrates its 75th anniversary! I originally wrote about Edaville in my very first Harvesting the Past article, but I just came across another Cranberries magazine layout on the railway and Ellis D. Atwood and the timing seemed appropriate to mention it again.

The September 1938 edition of Cranberries featured an article on Mr. Atwood who, at the time, was one of the largest individual cranberry growers in the industry. Ellis D. Atwood followed in his father's and grandfather's cranberry-growing footsteps. His grandfather began growing cranberries way back in the 1880s and the Atwood holdings were built up to over 200 acres. He served on many industry boards and was very involved in Carver town affairs. He showed "what modern thought, progressiveness and effort can accomplish in cranberry culture, even though from small beginnings."

This modern thinking included the establishment of the Edaville railway—the Cranberry Belt Rail Road. Plans for the narrow-gauge railway were made prior to WWII when he purchased the equipment but were then delayed until 1945. Once he got the green light to move ahead, he hired Mr. Linwood Moody, a railroad man from Maine, to advise on building the narrow-gauge track. He then got the bulldozing underway to clear approximately six miles around the cranberry bog. It took a couple of years to complete the project but when it was finished, the railroad also served as historical preservation of the 2 ft. gauge cars R.R. Atwood and Moody had gathered 15 flatcars, 4 box cars, one tank car, two cabooses, one baggage car, two coaches plus the "Rangeley" parlor car (this was the 'prize of prizes' according to the article) and Steam Locomotive No. 7. Quite the collection!



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Used for many years in active cranberry farming, the Edaville Railroad also became famous for tourists to ride and view Christmas lights—I know my family ALWAYS went to Edaville at Christmas for this reason! For decades, Edaville has had visitors old and young come ride the rails and view the cranberry bogs throughout to the year. What a treasure it has been for this region!

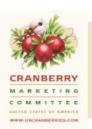
I hope you've enjoyed reading about the 75 year old Edaville once again. I'll be back next month harvesting more of the cranberry industry from days gone by!

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UPDATES FROM THE CMC

BY: KAREN CAHILL



This is an election year for the Cranberry Marketing Committee's membership: 7 voting and 5 alternate members representing major cooperative growers; and 6 voting and 4 alternate members representing independents. Nomination forms have been mailed to all independent growers and must be returned (postmarked) by April 30, 2022 to be counted. If you are an independent grower and did not receive a nomination form, please contact the CMC at 508-291-1510 or kcahill@uscranberries.com. Voting ballots will follow in May.

The major cooperative will work with its members directly to fill any vacancies. All appointees will be submitted to the USDA Secretary for approval in June. New board members will serve a term that runs from August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2024.

It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-governed boards and committees accurately reflects the diversity of individuals served by the programs by including eligible women, minorities, and people with disabilities. Definition of Minority: Black Americans; Hispanic Americans; Native Americans (American Indians or Eskimos); and Asian Pacific Americans. USDA has declared that multiple family members cannot serve as voting members on the same board, however a special circumstance may be submitted to USDA for further consideration if the need arises.









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