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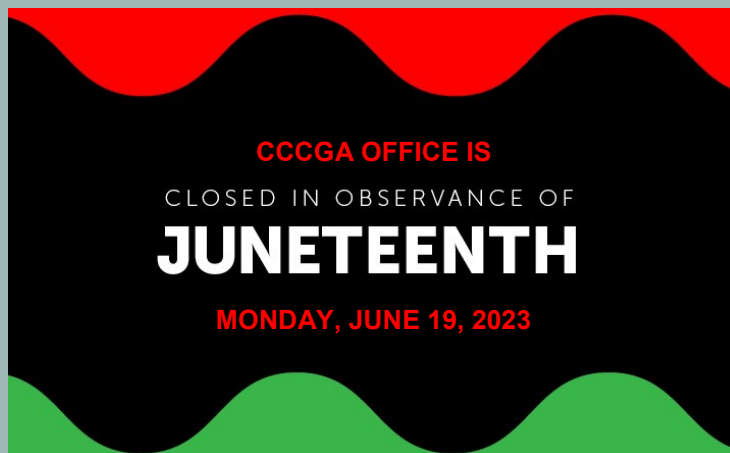
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CHANGING ON THE FLY

BY: BRIAN WICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Our spring frost season is shaping up as frustrating as our Boston professional sports teams have been lately. Hopefully it ends before Patriots training camp kicks off this July. The honeybee hives are being staged, so let's put out some positive mojo for good pollination weather this June and soon the frost season will be a distant memory, like our beloved Bruins and Celtics playoff runs. Continuing with the vein of positivity, there is a new state commission that has the potential to benefit Massachusetts agriculture. The 21st Century Agriculture Commission is a newly formed group, created by the legislature to study the needs of Massachusetts agriculture. I am honored to be a part of this commission, which is comprised of ag leaders, legislators, and state agencies. Representative Kate Hogan and Senator Anne Gobi are the committee's co-chairs (be sure to read John Fernandes' article in this month's Bogside for some important news on Senator Gobi). The commission had its first meeting on May 16 with Lieutenant Governor Driscoll kicking off this introductory meeting. The Commission will be addressing the issues of education, research, renewable energy, climate change, economic development, food security, and legislation. A report is targeted by the close of the year, which is aggressive. I'm hopeful that some substantive discussions will occur throughout the process and from the work of this commission, meaningful insight and changes will be brought forward for the benefit of all of agriculture. It's great that CCCGA is part of the process.

We were pleased to see the state release a Request for Response for a feasibility and design study for a cranberry educational center. This is an important first step that will help lay the foundation for what we anticipate will be a robust center for Massachusetts Cranberries, providing a destination from which to launch cranberry education to visitors, the community, and beyond. The feasibility study will also

contain a business plan for an educational center, which will help guide what such a center may look like from an economic perspective, as well as actual designs and plans. This is a significant undertaking and is a logical process for CCCGA and its board to take in considering how/when/if to move forward. CCCGA will be putting forth a proposal to bid on this work and we look forward to partnering with a consultant (s) that will bring the necessary expertise to work on this exciting project.

Our strategic planning consultant, Michele Pecoraro, set up a relationship with the South Shore Realtors Association in April. Bonnie and Michele had an initial meeting with them, and I met with them recently. We are working with them to educate their realtor members so that they in turn can better educate their clients as to what it's like living near a cranberry bog. This is part of our strategic plan, reaching more people in our community to educate them about cranberries. CCCGA is holding a live webinar in a couple of weeks for their members as a first step. We plan on establishing a working relationship with the organization. Having their members more engaged in cranberries is only going to help. In fact, they helped promote the vote against the earth removal moratorium by-law article at the Carver Town Meeting this spring by spreading the word amongst their members. They recognized that it was a bad article and bad for their business too. So, we're off to a good start with this organization. It's one piece of our multi-faceted plan of spreading the word on cranberry agriculture to as many groups and people as possible. There is still a wide knowledge gap in people's understanding of normal farming practices. I think some people don't wish to be educated (the word obstinate comes to mind here) but for others, we are working to get the right message out there. It's going to take some time, but we are moving ahead. There will be more to report on this front in the months ahead.

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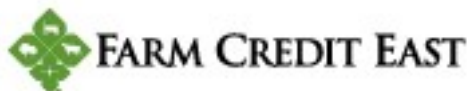


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Committee on Agriculture

The new Committee on Agriculture hit the ground running and had three consecutive hearings over several weeks, conducting hearings on all the bills assigned to the committee. Included among them were three of the four bills that are a priority for the CCCGA leadership.

An important change occurred in early June that will have an impact. Long time State Senator Anne Gobi, who was serving as senate chair of the new ag committee resigned from the senate to take the new *Rural Affairs* position in the Healey Administration. Anne is a personally a dear friend to me as we served together in the house before she left for the Senate. She is also a dear friend to agriculture, and it is fair to say that she has been the lead expert on ag matters in the Senate for many years. She will be sorely missed but we should all give her our heartfelt thanks for her work on ag issues over the years and wish her success in the new role. That role as the Rural point person in the administration will keep her in the ag space for certain. So, I do not expect we have seen the last of her by any means. As of this moment, the Senate President has not named a new chair and the Senate vice chair will take charge of the Senate chair role. That person is Senator Joanne Comerford, who is also a longtime friend of agriculture. I feel very comfortable that our own House Chair Schmid and Senator Comerford will pair well in keeping the committee active as planned.

The chairs promised to embark on a series of listening sessions around the state to solicit additional information on the bills formally filed with the committee but to also engage farmers, growers, and other stakeholders in the agricultural industry on all matters, concerns and issues in the hope of creating a comprehensive policy approach to agriculture. We fully expect to be a partner in that process.

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

The new Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources also got off to a fast start in May and has a series of hearings scheduled for June that will surely include bills of interest to growers. We will monitor those hearings and testify as appropriate.

Labor issues meeting

In follow up to our meeting with the state representative sponsor of the farm labor bills including over-time pay, minimum wage and rest time, I attended a meeting with farm bureau members and legislative leadership on the issues. No hearing has yet to be scheduled on the bills. We will continue to engage in these matters and keep you advised as to any significant action.

Annual Budget

The Senate both released and debated its version of the annual budgets in May. As noted in my last report, the House finished its budget in April and that included two amendments of relevance to the CCCGA growers filed by Representative Straus.

The two amendments adopted into the House budget are as follows:

- Allocation of \$100,000 to be expended for the operation of the Cranberry Health Research Center at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth;
- A provision that the University shall expend funds for the UMass-Amherst Cranberry Station; as you know, a ribbon cutting ceremony for the renovated occurred a few weeks ago and every dollar counts.

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The first amendment was included in the senate budget as released by Senate Ways and Means. The second required an amendment be filed for inclusion in the senate budget. Senator Moran stepped forward, filed, and supported the amendment which was adopted. We thank her and her staff for that effort.

The effect of both amendments being in both the House and Senate budgets is that they are now secured and will be included in an ultimate final legislative budget once the conference committee of House and Senate members come to an agreement reconciling the differences in the two versions of the budget.

More on all the above to follow.





Board Nominations



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINATION NOTICE

Dear CCCGA Grower Member:

Your Association works for you through active grower involvement and strong leadership. At the center of this process for CCCGA is your Board of Directors. In accordance with the by-laws, we will be holding a formal election process for **three (3) board positions**. Each seat will be for a three (3) year term. Of the current board members holding the three open seats, we anticipate that one or two of the incumbents will not seek reelection this year.

Eligibility to run for a board position is based on (a) being a CCCGA member in good standing; and (b) a minimum of two (2) years of service to the organization or the cranberry industry. Attached is the CCCGA policy on board expectations, provided to help frame the commitment of board members.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving on the CCCGA Board of Directors and meet the qualifications outlined above, please complete the enclosed nomination form and mail or email to:

MAIL: CCCGA Nominating Committee
265 D South Meadow Road
Plymouth, MA 02360

EMAIL: psilvia@cranberries.org

We would very much like to encourage new folks to get involved with the association, both at the committee level as well as on the board--that's our future. If you're considering the possibility of running for the Board and would like to first speak with someone already involved to get a better feel for expectations for participation, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me, Brian or any other member of the Board to get questions answered.

The procedure for the election process is as follows:

- ***All nominations must be received no later than July 1, 2023***
- ***Once each candidate is confirmed by the Nominating Committee and the candidate agrees to be placed on the ballot, a candidate background biography (form to be provided by CCCGA) will need to be submitted by July 12, 2023***
- ***Election ballots will be sent out no later than Wednesday, July 19, 2023***
- ***Completed ballots must be received no later than 4:00 PM Monday, August 7, 2023***
- ***Election results announced at CCCGA Annual Meeting, Wednesday, August 16, 2023***

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12:00pm - Registration, Lunch on your own.

1:00pm - Shotgun Start

4:30pm- Cocktail Hour

Approx. 5:30pm Buffet Mixed Grille Dinner

Silent auction, raffle, and tournament winners will be announced. Join us!

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Spaces are limited, so please register early!

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BY: KIM MIOT



SPRING YOUTH TOURS

Our spring education tours have wrapped up. We had 640 5th and 6th graders come to the tour barn in Carver. The kids walked Bogside with Dick Ward for a talk on the growing vines and varieties. He showcased his newly renovated bog and even demonstrated IPM sweeping to a few groups. On the walking portion, we highlight the importance of sand, water and point out wildlife in the surrounding uplands and reservoir. We saw turtles, frogs, birds, and thousands of tadpoles. The kids got a cranberry history lesson and learned about the seasons in the education barn. They then sorted some of last year's fresh berries on the historic separator. They made a bog in a cup to take home and saw the traveling bog in action. We showcased samples of farming equipment through a game that demonstrates what a cranberry farmer does each season.

We want to thank the Cranberry Marketing Committee for lending us some waders. The kids loved trying them on and even had a short race to see who could move the fastest in the waders.

Thank you to tour guide Janice Barton who brought in a piece of bog iron to show the kids!

We also want to thank the Plymouth Country Beekeepers Association and the Massachusetts Beekeepers Association for donating a few items to help us showcase the importance of bees in the pollination of the flowering bud.

It was a great start to our youth education tours and we plan to do many more!





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BLOGS AND BLURBS

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We are continuing with our identification of cranberry farms that have celebrated 100 years of existence. If your farm is 100 years old, let us know on your Annual Meeting sign-up form and you too can be included in the celebration. We have so much history in our industry, let's celebrate and embrace these century farms!

CRANBERRY BOG RENOVATION TAX CREDIT UPDATE **AS WRITTEN BY EEA PROGRAM MANAGER, TOM ANDERSON**

The 2024 Cranberry Bog Renovation Tax Credit application is posted on our website at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/cranberry-bog-renovation-tax-credit-program>. This application is due by June 27, 2023 in order to be eligible for the lottery. It can still be submitted after that date if funds are available.

The following serves as an update for the entire program and for the status of current applications:

- 2020 credits are largely completed. I am working with a few applicants to finalize details as to who the recipient of the tax credit is. For this calendar year only, DOR is working to provide the tax credit directly to the applicants based on the 2020 tax record. That seems to be going smoothly.
- 2021 applications are in the works right now. Some have been given a Certificate Number in order to claim their tax credit, but most are still in the process of verifying Qualified Renovation expenses or other details. For 2021 tax credits, recipients will need to update their 2021 state tax return once they receive the certificate.
- 2022 will be started soon. For these applicants, if you have not already sent me copies of invoices, payments, and receipts for your calendar 2022 project you can do so now. Email is best of course. Please try to keep the documentation package as orderly and understandable as possible. Remember that at the most basic level, we need invoices and proofs of payment for the expenses incurred on the renovated bog during calendar 2022. Applications for 2022 can still be submitted.
- 2023 will also be started as needed soon after 2022. 2023 projects can incur expenses for the same bog renovation from October 1, 2022, all the way to December 31, 2023, so you still have time. Applications for 2023 can still be submitted.

2024 applications are due on June 27, 2023. If we exceed the \$2 million cap in terms of request for credits, we will have a "lottery." I am not expecting that to happen but will let you know if it does.

Contact: Tom Anderson @ Thomas.anderson@mass.gov. or 617-519-4587

The Marcus Urann 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. Applications for the Marcus Urann Scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year are ready. Due June 30, 2023 If you are interested in an application, [please click here](#)

BLOGS AND BLURBS - CONTINUED



Hi everyone! I am pleased to be back again for this summer. Once again, I will be taking the lead for organizing the CRF Golf Tournament on July 17th. I will also act as additional support for the CCCGA staff. I look forward to seeing some familiar faces and hopefully meet some new people at this year's tournament!



The [Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources](#), [The Massachusetts State Grange](#) and the Massachusetts Agriculture in the Classroom (MAC) collaborate on their annual agriculture calendar. This calendar highlights a Massachusetts farm or product each month. Each month also posts educational ideas, farm facts, and farm events. The photos are chosen from their annual photo contest which is open to all. Submit your farm photos here: www.aginclassroom.org/calendar The 2024 Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar photo contest deadline is July 1st.

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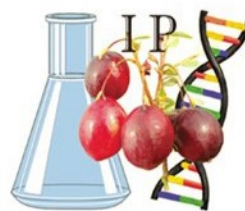
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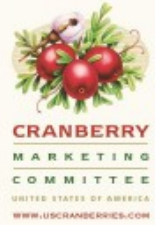
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UPDATES FROM THE CMC

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REFERENDUM

The Cranberry Marketing Committee Continuance Referendum will be conducted from June 9 through June 30, 2023. Ballots and voting instructions will be sent from USDA's Southeast Region Branch to all producers of record. ***Ballots returned via express mail or electronic mail must show proof of delivery by no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 30, 2023, to be counted.***

SUMMER MEETING

CMC's annual summer meeting will take place Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15 at the Salishan Coastal Lodge in Gleneden Beach, Oregon. Register at www.uscranberries.com.

CY2022 Q2 FIGURES

CMC has posted CY2022 Q2 Position Summaries including comparisons by crop year and by cycle to www.uscranberries.com under the Industry tab and then click Data and Reports. A few general observations for the year-to-date Second Cycle report (9/1 – 4/30) CY2021 vs CY2022 are as follows:

- Foreign acquired fruit increased 15.39% (243,056 bbls)
- Domestic sales decreased -1.46% (69,943 bbls)
- Foreign sales decreased -5.8% (down 120,255 bbls)
- Shrinkage decreased -123.77% (178,537 bbls)
- Total ending inventory increased 9.88% (569,004 bbls) – this represents an increase of fruit in freezers of 480,989 bbls, an increase of fruit in processed form of 36,502 bbls and an increase in concentrate of 39,840 bbls equivalence

PHOSMET

The EU has published the final decision to withdraw the EU MRL for phosmet (Imidan) on cranberries. ***The default MRL (0.01 ppm) will apply on September 15, 2023. Until that date, the current MRL of 10 ppm applies.***

As you may recall, phosmet (Imidan) is no longer approved for use in the European Union. Following non-renewal of approval, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) carried out an Article 12 review of phosmet and in their reasoned opinion, identified risks for consumers concerning the MRLs for various commodities, including cranberries. In the context of the decision of non-renewal of phosmet, EFSA explained that consumer dietary risk could not be finalized due to incomplete data. As such, none of the MRLs for phosmet could be confirmed as safe for consumers.

The European Union proposed to withdraw all phosmet MRLs, as notified to the WTO (G/SPS/N/EU/606) in December 2022. Comments were submitted by BCI on behalf of the cranberry industry requesting that the EU either maintain the MRL of 10 ppm for phosmet on cranberries or, at a minimum, harmonize with the Codex MRL of 3 ppm. Despite the industry's and USDA's comment submissions and further government engagement, the EU has lowered the MRL for phosmet on cranberries to the default of 0.01 ppm.

The established MRL for phosmet (Imidan) on cranberries (0.01 ppm) is more restrictive than the U.S. MRL (10 ppm) and the Codex MRL (3 ppm). This MRL will go into effect on September 15, 2023. Until

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that date, the current MRL of 10 ppm applies. Finally, the EU has not provided a channels of trade provision, meaning that product entering the market on September 15 will be expected to be compliant with the new MRL.

MANCOZEB

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) has published its scientific assessment of the MRL review for mancozeb. While a MRL for cranberries may be derived from Codex, EFSA raised health concerns with a metabolite which may result in the European Commission restricting the EU MRL. **A formal proposal is likely to be made available for consideration in September or November 2023.** Mancozeb was reviewed together with other dithiocarbamate substances, such as metiram, ziram, and maneb as they share the same residue definition. For this reason, the publication of this assessment has been delayed multiple times. In the current assessment, EFSA lists a possible MRL for cranberries at 5 ppm or 2 ppm, based on different residue definitions. However, a footnote highlights that this tentative MRL is based on a Codex MRL, which is not fully supported by data and that the Codex MRLs were not recently reviewed. In addition, EFSA also highlights that the metabolite "ETU" is classified as toxic for reproduction category 1B and meets the endocrine disruptor criteria for humans. Therefore, EFSA suggests further consideration by the EU Commission.

In short, while the scientific assessment was able to derive a MRL based on Codex, it suggests that the European Commission takes into consideration the potential health concerns identified with a metabolite when drafting a new MRL regulation. The EU Commission will present a draft regulation for discussion in the SCoPAFF committee. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18-19. At this time, it is unknown whether the EU Commission will propose a MRL for cranberries based on the levels derived from the Codex MRL or whether they will continue to restrict MRLs for substances that have identified health concerns. More information will be communicated when a draft proposal is made available.

Upcoming International Marketing Activities

July 25	EMP Training Seminar (South America)
July	Cranberry Bakery Promotion with Wedome (Beijing, China)
July	Consumer Videos (South America)
July	Cranberry In-store Promotions with Ole (China)
July - August	Food Service Promotion (India)
July - August	Technical Trade Videos (South America)

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REMEMBERING OUR CCCGA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES



A Mayflower descendent, G. Alvin Crowell Jr. passed May 22, 2023. He was 90 years old. He was President of Crowell Cranberry Corp and manager and Board Director of Tidmarsh Farms, Inc. Alvin was a train traveler and also enjoyed reading and jazz. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Penny and his 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Milton Academy, 170 Center St., Milton, MA 02186.



Marcia Rounsville-Perry, 74 of East Wareham passed away at her home on April 11th. Marcia was the owner of Rounsville-Hammond-Rounsville Cranberries and a long time member of CCCGA. She is survived by her husband, Samuel Perry. She is also survived by her daughter, step-children and three grandchildren. Our deepest condolences.

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