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BOGSIDE

EDUCATION TOURS HAVE BEGUN!

By Kim Miot

Teaching and exposing young people to the cranberry industry in southeastern Massachusetts is one of the goals of our association and a focus of the tour program. I have been developing an education program that can be adapted to various ages and group sizes. Earlier this year I focused on outreach and promotion of the program to area schools, home-schools, Montessori schools, camps and scout groups.

The mini education barn at Dick Ward's bogs in Carver that we used for public harvest tours last year has been modified for the education program. We held a test tour with 97 fifth graders from Carver Elementary. The kids rotated through four activities: Bogside walk with Dick Ward, Traveling Bog, history lesson in the barn and ended with Bog in a Cup that the kids could take home.

Camp Bournedale also booked 4 outings a week for several weeks as a field trip location for their school groups. We look forward to more school age groups booking through the summer. The kids have a great time being outside and learning about cranberries and cranberry farming. These groups are also learning about the cranberry farms they live near or see in their daily lives and how their cranberry neighbors are strong land and water stewards.

Special thank you to Dick and Judy Ward for allowing us to have these education tours on their property. Dick Ward donates so much of his time taking the groups through his farm. Dick brings an authenticity to every tour he is part of.



A group from Camp Bournedale viewing the Traveling Bog.

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CHANGING ON THE FLY

BY: BRIAN WICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



When I wrote last month's article, the Bruins were opening the post-season, poised to trash the lowly Florida Panthers and start their scorched-earth campaign through the Stanley Cup Playoffs. Unfortunately, as often occurs in farming, things didn't go as planned. I have recently come to terms with the Bruins collapse against the Canadians in 1971, so I suspect that in another 50 years or so, I too will be able to move past this loss. With that out of the way, let's move onto cranberries. CCCGA has had a busy month or so, much of it outlined in John Fernandes' column. We knew with a new administration and legislative session that it would be an active year in the government affairs arena. This has been proven to be true with meetings on labor, PFAS, and legislative hearings.

We have been making good progress on workforce development. Working with UMass Dartmouth, the project leaders have been meeting with the CCCGA board and select growers/industry to better understand our current and future workforce needs. Last week, they toured cranberry country and visited AD Makepeace and Oiva Hannula, as well as Decas Cranberry and Ocean Spray's fruit receiving station in Carver. The next step is to send out a survey to all CCCGA grower members to gather more data. If you have not already received the survey, it was sent via email from CCCGA and for those that don't partake in email, a hard copy was sent to those growers around May 18. Please be sure to fill out the survey, it should take about 10 minutes, as the information is critical to gaining a more thorough understanding of the workforce needs. If anyone did not receive the survey, contact the CCCGA office and we'll get one to you. Responses are due May 26. UMass will deliver a final report to CCCGA by the end of June.

Speaking of final reports, Michele Pecoraro of

Ideaz Ablaze, completed her Strategic Communications plan for CCCGA last month. This document will solidify our approach to external communications and provide messaging to best engage the public. It comes as no surprise that we are seeing an erosion of basic agricultural rights in many of our communities and a general lack of understanding of why farmers do what they do. With a growing population in what was once primarily our rural communities, and what I think is a changing attitude in many (certainly not all) people in general (I know I sound old saying that), cranberries has its challenges with just doing the cultural practices that have been occurring for 200 years. This communications plan will help us change that dynamic over time. There are some who won't change their thinking but by focusing on positive messaging and telling our story, we will reach more people and educate them on cranberry production. We have a positive story to tell regarding what a viable cranberry industry means to our local communities. Looking at the three pillars of sustainability, Massachusetts cranberries has an important part to play in supporting our region's economic, environment, and ethical (employees) outlook.

Through interviews, meetings and information-gathering activities with the CCCGA board, staff, and others, Michele identified the following messaging topics as the most important for CCCGA to focus on: Environment, Neighbors and Towns, Science and Education, Economic Development, and Regulatory Oversight. The plan indicates opportunities that CCCGA has to structure communications and create or formalize programs for educating the public and increasing their knowledgebase of cranberry production. These are the main areas identified for growth and implementation:

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1. More Frequent Communications of Key Messaging
2. Cultivate Business to Business Relationships outside of the Industry
3. Communicate Directly with Neighbors of Cranberry Farms
4. Regularly Schedule Cranberry Informational Meetings/Webinars for Municipalities
5. Grow our Volunteer Corps

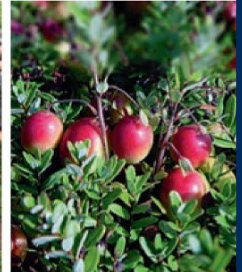
Our next step is to plan out these activities and begin execution. Some items are under way now, some will be implemented soon, while others will be part of a longer-range plan. There were no big surprises discovered through this exercise, but Michele was deftly able to identify areas where we need to do more and offer insights in opportunities that we may not have otherwise considered. We will continue to work with Michele as we move forward with flushing out this communications plan.



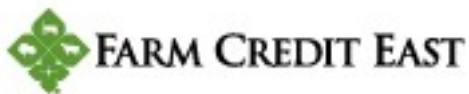
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Dick Ward talking with the group from Camp Bournedale.



Bog in a Cup



Screening berries



The house and senate are well underway in the new two-year session. The committees are set, hearings are underway, and both houses are working on their versions of the budget.

New Committee on Agriculture

One important change in the committee structure is the creation this session of the Joint Committee on Agriculture. It is an historic event and signifies the recognition of agriculture as a major industry in Massachusetts. Previously, agriculture matters were joined with environmental and natural resources issues into a single committee. Now there are two committees, one focusing on ag issues and one on environmental and natural resources issues. We thank the senate and house leadership for their foresight in setting up this ag committee.

The two co-chairs of the Committee on Agriculture are two longtime friends of ag, who are well versed in all issues related to agriculture, Senator Anne Gobi and our own Representative Paul Schmid. I couldn't imagine two better, more seasoned veterans to helm such an important committee. That experience has allowed them to hit the ground running as they have already completed three formal hearings on all the bills assigned to the committee. As a footnote, Brian Wick was the very first witness to testify before the new committee at its first hearing May 1st. Three bills of importance to the cranberry industry were on and we made the trip to the state house to testify in person on the bills.

The chairs intend now 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 look forward to being a partner in that process and will advise as those sessions are set up so you all can participate as well.

Ag Day is back/ legislative priorities.

April 12th marked the return to an in-person state house Ag Day for the first time since the advent of Covid. We worked closely with the new leadership at the Mass Farm Bureau to organize the event and importantly to set up and organize high level meetings for representatives of several ag related sectors with leadership in both the house and senate, which were very well received. The day itself was well attended by administration staff and leadership, as well as by legislators.

Brian Wick drafted a concise white paper and spoke on issues of concern to the industry such as pesticides, labor issues, and PFAS. He also clearly outlined the legislative priorities for the CCCGA as filed by Representative Straus in the House and/or Senator Moran in the Senate as noted below:

H.909, AN ACT RELATIVE TO A CRANBERRY WATER USE TRANSFER PROGRAM

In 2016, the Cranberry Industry Revitalization Task Force final report recommended measures for growers looking to exit the industry entirely and for certain other growers, an opportunity to consolidate their farm while continuing to maintain their remaining acreage. House Bill 909 provides that chance for those cranberry growers in the right circumstance, looking to retire some or all of their cranberry acreage. Growers have water use registrations and permits under MassDEP's Water Management Act program. Should a grower cease to farm a particular bog, these water rights will no longer be required. Municipalities often require mitigation as they approach the regulatory limits of their respective water use. By purchasing the unused water rights from a cranberry grower within the same watershed, a town would be allowed to apply that usage as indirect mitigation towards their own water use, as a condition of their registration/permit through MassDEP. There have been a couple of instances where MassDEP has allowed indirect mitigation to towns in exchange for retaining agricultural water rights. This legislation would memorialize that practice into law. This is a program that would benefit both a grower and a local community.

S.46, AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FARM TECHNOLOGY REVIEW COMMISSION

Senate Bill 46 is another recommendation from the Cranberry Industry Revitalization Task Force final report. It provides a platform for strengthening the future of not only the cranberry industry but all of agriculture in the Commonwealth. Created as a result of the Dairy Preservation Act of 2008, the Farm Technology Review Commission was comprised of representatives from various state agencies, in addition to Governor's appointments representing various facets of the dairy industry. The Commission was tasked with studying and recommending options for updating farming technology including, but not limited to, ways to promote energy conservation, collaborative purchasing, buying and selling of energy, energy saving technology and alternative options for sustainability and growth. The Commission also analyzed current regulations and statutes to ensure they were not impediments to the adoption of farming technology. This commission was quite successful in its early years of existence.

However, the commission has not been active in many years. As with other sectors of Massachusetts agriculture, cranberry growers would greatly benefit from a renewed Farm Technology Review Commission, this one broadening the scope to reflect the diversity of agriculture in the Commonwealth. This bill looks to re-establish the commission with the same mandate and governmental agency composition, but also include representatives from the cranberry industry and other agricultural sectors. With renewed composition and focus, particularly with climate change and evolving energy needs, this commission can once again provide valuable forethought into sustaining all of Massachusetts agriculture.

S.539, AN ACT RELATIVE TO A CRANBERRY WETLAND MITIGATION BANK

Also included in the Cranberry Industry Revitalization Task Force final report was a recommendation for a program for cranberry growers to retire all or some of their bog acreage. Senate Bill 539 creates a wetland banking pilot program that allows cranberry bogs to be retired and used for commercial or residential development projects that require wetland mitigation. Many Massachusetts cranberry bogs offer a unique opportunity to provide wetlands functions and values with minimal restoration required. By allowing a developer to pay the costs to retire a bog and substituting that recently "retired" wetland cranberry bog for what otherwise would be an artificially replicated wetland, the potential to duplicate the function of the original wetland value can be greatly enhanced. A wetland banking pilot project in one or two watersheds would enable those growers looking for a complete or partial exit to obtain cash value by relinquishing the agricultural activity on the bogs in perpetuity and allowing these bogs to be converted back to natural wetlands. Contractors who need to construct a wetland environment in order to complete a development project could use these retired bogs for their mitigation. Communities that are looking for wetland replication that works and is sustainable over time, would benefit as well. This is a program that can simultaneously satisfy multiple stakeholders and the environment. The sunset provision allows the program to be constructed as a pilot, allowing for evaluation and modification as needed overtime.

S.1889, AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SEPARATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PURPOSES

This bill looks to recognize that renewable energy projects on ag land should not be subject to rollback taxes as part of the Chapter 61A program. Some farmers are looking to diversify their business with alternative energy, often solar arrays. In some instances, municipalities that are opposed to these projects, invoke the provisions of Chapter 61A to stall or stop a project. For a small project, invoking rollback taxes may make the project economically not viable. This legislation looks to better enable such projects to move forward when part of an active farm operation. We recognize that there would need to be limits as to the size of the project that would be allowed to fit under this criteria. This is primarily targeting assisting small to medium-sized farms but it could help farms of any size be more sustainable while simultaneously providing green energy.

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The first meeting of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee was held in May as well and included bills on pesticides and PFAS. Brian drafted a clear position statement on the bills that impacted our issues that was put into testimony at the hearing.

Labor issues meeting

Brian Wick, Steve Ward, and I recently attended a meeting in Springfield set up by the Mass Farm Bureau leadership with the representative who sponsored legislation to address perceived concerns regarding farm labor issues including overtime pay, minimum wage and rest time. The representative who is a dedicated and honorable advocate for his district filed the legislation to spark a discussion among stakeholders. We had a team of some ten people present representing the ag industry. It was a robust hour and a half discussion during which we talked about the unique culture, competition, financial and labor challenges in agriculture as well as the very specific provisions of the bill. The representative was very engaged and grateful to hear the positions of the ag community. He encouraged alternative ideas and continued discussions, which we will continue to pursue.

Annual Budget

The house and senate both released and debated annual budgets in April and May. The house finished its budget in April and that included two amendments of relevance to the CCCGA growers filed by Representative Straus, for which we offer him our gratitude.

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 University of Mass at Dartmouth 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.

We will now seek to have those included in the senate budget as well.

More on all the above to follow.



John Fernandes, Brian Wick & Steve Ward with their heads together during a recent Board of Directors meeting.

REGULATORY UPDATE

BY: EMMA WICK



We would like to bring your attention to an important update regarding the submission of your Massachusetts Pesticide Use Report for the 2022 Crop Year. The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) now requires all submissions to be made through their online webform, accessible via the link provided below. Please note that MDAR **will no longer be accepting paper, email, or postal mail submissions. Pesticide use reports are due September 1, 2023.**

Link to the MDAR Pesticide Use Reporting Form:

https://massgov.formstack.com/forms/pesticide_use_report

Even if you have already submitted your Report via mail, **it is essential that you re-submit using the online form.** MDAR states that this change is aimed at streamlining the reporting process and ensuring efficiency in data collection.

The online form has been designed to be user-friendly and straightforward, closely following the previous format of the paper form. This is a web-based form which is different from the pesticide licensing portal site. As such, it does not require any logins or passwords. If you already have your pesticide use data in electronic format, you can copy and paste the information into the designated columns on the web form. For BOGS Online users, generating the pesticide use report as a PDF and copying and pasting the data into the relevant columns is also an option. Manual entry of the information is another alternative for all growers.

We understand that transitioning to a new platform on such short notice may cause inconvenience or frustration for some. If you find yourself displeased with the introduction of the online form, we sympathize with your concerns. We are working with MDAR to determine the possibility of uploading an electronic file directly into the form rather than manually inputting each entry. This may not be possible or ready for this year but we are discussing it with MDAR.

It is worth noting that each form allows for the reporting of up to 25 products. If you have more than 25 products to report, you can simply include the first 25 on one form, and there is a feature at the end of the form that allows you to indicate that you have additional products to report. Once indicated, the system will automatically generate a new report with the data fields related to your farm or company pre-populated.

If you have any questions or require assistance with the online submission process, please reach out to Emma Wick at ewick@cranberries.org or 508-866-7878 ext. 10.

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TOURS & OUTREACH!!

BY: KIM MIOT



Spring has been busy with speaking events, Rhapsody in Red bookings and in person networking. Brian and Kim spent the day manning a booth at the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Expo. Many people stopped by to learn more about cranberries and bog tours. Many just stopped to tell us their personal connection to cranberries such as growing up on nearby bogs and memories of dry picking every fall. We made some great connections and handed out lots of cranberry recipe cards.

This spring Brian spoke at the Plymouth Lions club meeting. Brian and Kim were invited to visit and discuss the local cranberry economy and how the industry works. The Cranberry 101 speaking series continues to have requests for speakers. Eight of our wonderful tour guides have been trained in delivering the presentation and can now be included in the speaking roster.

The Rhapsody in Red display will be featured at A.D. Makepeace for the month of May as part of some events they are having. After there, the display will be featured at the Cohasset Historical Society for the month of June. Then it moves to Edaville's Christmas in July event along with the Traveling Bog.

The Traveling Bog is in use at the Ward Barn with our newly booked educational tours. Kids learn about cranberry seasons and farming through the education displays and plaques. They love the solar powered sprinkler and floating berries!





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BLOGS AND BLURBS

The Cape Cod Cranberry Growers' Association is pleased to announce that applications for the Senator Therese Murray Cranberry Educational Scholarship are now open. This year the CCCGA will be offering one \$1,000 scholarship.

Applicants need to be immediate family members of a CCCGA grower-member, or a year-round or part-time employee of a grower member. Applicants should also be currently enrolled at an institution of higher learning (post-high school) with a GPA of 2.5 or better. The application guidelines, requirements and form are enclosed.

The completed application form must be received at the CCCGA office no later than **12PM, Thursday, May 25, 2023**. Completed electronic submissions should be sent to psilvia@cranberries.org.

The recipient of the scholarship will be notified no later than July 28th. The awardee will be invited to the CCCGA Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 16st at White Dog Cranberry LTD at 6 Palmer Mill Road, Halifax for formal recognition.

[Click here for application](#)

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

BLOGS AND BLURBS - CONTINUED

There are numerous grant opportunities now available through the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. Highlights of the programs are found below. For more information on all of these programs and more, visit the [MDAR website](#).

Cranberry Bog Renovation Grant Program

Funding to implement cranberry bog renovations that promote more efficient bogs both in design and production while enhancing the business and environmental sustainability of the cranberry operation.

This grant program is currently accepting applications. Applications are due by 4:00pm on Friday, May 26th, 2023.

Climate Smart Agriculture Program (CSAP)

The Climate Smart Agriculture Program 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 grant program is currently accepting applications. Applications are due by 4:00pm on Friday, May 26th, 2023.**

Agricultural Climate Resiliency & Efficiencies (ACRE) Program

This grant program is for the implementation of projects that help the agricultural sector adapt to climate change, mitigate climate change, improve economic resiliency, and advance general goals identified in the Massachusetts Local Action Food Plan.

Agricultural Environmental Enhancement Program (AEEP)

This grant program is for the implementation of agricultural conservation practices that reduce or prevent negative impacts to the Commonwealth's natural resources that may result from agricultural practices, while maintaining sustainability and productivity of the agricultural operation.

Agricultural Energy Grant Program

This grant program is for the implementation of agricultural projects that improve energy efficiency and facilitate adoption of alternative clean energy technologies. This grant program is for the implementation of agricultural projects that improve energy efficiency and facilitate adoption of alternative clean energy technologies.

Agricultural Food Safety Improvement Program (AFSIP)

This grant program is for the implementation of practices that prevent or reduce food safety risks for produce or aquaculture operations, meet regulatory requirements, and improve market access.

This grant program is currently accepting applications. Applications are due by 4:00pm on Friday, May 26th, 2023.

Farm Energy Discount Program

This program provides discounts on electricity and natural gas bills. Discounts are 10% to eligible entities engaged in production agriculture. Certification by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) is required. MDAR must approve eligible persons or corporations.

GAP/GHP Reimbursement

This program funds research projects that address challenges and opportunities in marketing, transportation, and distribution of agricultural products.

Any grower located in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that applies must complete the USDA GAP/GHP or Harmonized audit.

Eligible parties may apply for reimbursement to cover the cost of the audit if they are successful.

BLOGS AND BLURBS - CONTINUED

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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.

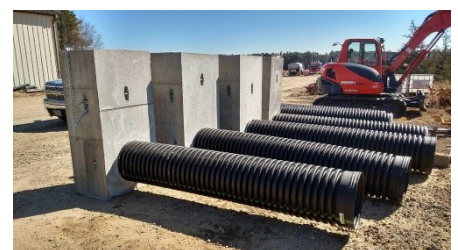


The Marcus Urann Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance for education beyond the secondary level to the children of cranberry growers operating cranberry bogs and adjacent acreage in Massachusetts and to the children of their employees residing in Massachusetts, when a financial need for such assistance can be demonstrated. Applications for the Marcus Urann Scholarship for the 2022-2023 academic year are ready. If you are interested in an application, [please click here](#)

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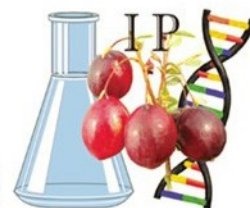
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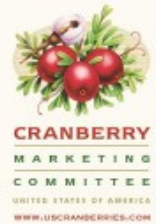


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UPDATES FROM THE CMC

BY: KAREN CAHILL



Referendum

Please note the following updates on the CMC's Continuance Referendum process.

- There has been a delay in posting the Cranberry Marketing Order referendum notice in the Federal Register. As of May 11 a posting date is not known, but once that posting is made, ballots will be mailed to growers from USDA's Southeast Region Branch and the process will resume as normal.
- New this year is an electronic voting option. Included with your packet will be instructions for both e-ballot and paper voting. Growers can choose which format they prefer to use, but cannot submit both.

Per the CMC's Marketing Order, a Continuance Referendum is conducted every four years in May to ascertain whether continuance is favored by growers. The order states: "The Secretary shall terminate the provisions of this part whenever he finds by referendum or otherwise that such termination is favored by a majority of the growers: Provided, that such majority has, during the current fiscal year, produced more than 50 percent of the volume of the cranberries which were produced within the production area. Such termination shall become effective on the last day of July subsequent to the announcement thereof by the Secretary." The previous referendum in 2019 passed with 79 percent of all the producers voting – representing 82 percent of the volume of production by those voting – favoring continuance.

BRAVO

This spring, Codex, the international food safety standard setting body, established a maximum residue level (MRL) for chlorothalonil (Bravo) on cranberries at 15 ppm, which is less restrictive than the U.S. MRL of 5 ppm.

In April 2011, at the Codex pesticide meeting in Beijing, a proposal was put forward to eliminate the 5 ppm Bravo cranberry MRL. A CMC representative provided specific information on the compound's use and purpose in the domestic industry. The U.S. delegation asked to speak at the meeting and requested the current 5 ppm MRL be maintained for 4 years to gather the needed data. This request was granted. The CMC then obtained a \$186,000 Technical Assistance for Specialty Crop (TASC) grant from USDA to conduct the needed studies. Once completed, the studies were submitted to Codex reviewers, who unexpectedly sought more information. A second TASC grant was obtained in 2016 for an additional \$110,000 to address these new concerns. The U.S. Codex delegation sought to maintain the temporary 5 ppm MRL for another 4 years as the information was gathered. Although unprecedented, Codex granted this request. The new studies were completed and deemed acceptable, although the UK raised questions in 2021, which further delayed the final approval. The Codex MRL is set at 15 ppm as opposed to 5 ppm because Codex conducts independent reviews of information and the data supports the higher MRL.

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The consequence of this change is that countries that use Codex MRLs, such as New Zealand, South Africa, Israel, and much of Latin America and Southeast Asia will now apply a 15 ppm MRL. Other countries, such as China and India, who consider Codex MRLs when setting their own MRLs, may also adjust their standards. For markets such as Europe, Australia, Canada, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan, who maintain national MRL lists, the MRL will not change but could be considered in future reviews.

The U.S. cranberry industry has worked on this issue for 12 years, providing crucial technical data and updating stakeholders along the way. CMC is pleased to share the success of this new international Codex MRL being established.

Upcoming International Marketing Activities

June 1	Technical Seminar (Colombia)
June 13	U.S. Ingredients Chef Training Program (Shanghai, China)
June 13 - 16	Natural Tech Trade Show (Brazil)
June 14 - 16	Nutritionist Event (Brazil)
June 20	EMP Training Seminar (South America)
June	Menu Promotion with Meizhou Dongpo Restaurant Chain (Beijing)
June	Fitness APP Promotion (China)
June - July	Recipe Promotion with Duoguo.com (China)
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- 1 cup whole fresh or frozen cranberries
- 2 ½ cup tart apples, peeled, cored and cubed
- ½ cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, peeled, slivered
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sweetened dried cranberries
- ½ cup walnuts, chopped
- ¼ cup golden raisins
- ½ chili pepper, seeded and chopped

1. Gather all ingredients.
2. Wash cranberries, remove stems.
3. In 5 quart heavy saucepan combine cubed apples, vinegar, sugar, ginger, salt, sweetened dried cranberries.
4. Bring to boil over high heat, stirring to dissolve sugar.
5. Reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered 5 minutes or just until apples are tender but still hold their shape.
6. Add nuts and whole cranberries. Simmer 2 minutes.
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SCHEDULE

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!

REGISTRATION

Spaces are limited, so please register early!

Foursome: \$500 (includes 4 dinners)

Dinner Reception Only: \$50

Pre-game Mulligan bundles are available for pre-sale only. 3 mulligans per bundle at \$10 per bundle

Mulligans will also be sold in singles for \$5 at the registration table

SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED!

The tournament will feature a silent paper bid auction along with a raffle ticket event. Each donated item for the event will be prominently displayed.

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UMASS CRANBERRY STATION NEWS

BY: HILARY SANDLER



THE DIAGNOSTIC LAB is now located in Lab 121, upper level of the Lab Building. Please contact Krystal DeMoranville at 508-970-7631 prior to bringing in a sample, so we can properly process it for you.

SEASONAL HELP WANTED. We are looking to hire someone to help around the bogs and assist with facilities maintenance. We would like someone at least 2 days/week but can do as many as 5 days/week. Pay rate \$15-19/hr depending on experience. If interested or for more information, please contact Hilary 508-970-7641.

PICKUP TRUCKS NEEDED. If you have a pickup truck (big or small) that still has some life in it, consider selling it to us (or donations gratefully accepted!). Please contact Hilary (508-970-7641) if you have something we might be interested in.

BOGSIDE WORKSHOPS. The Cranberry Station has 2 upcoming bogside workshops: one via Zoom and one in-person. To participate, contact Robyn Hardy at 508-970-7635 or rmhardy@umass.edu. There is no charge to attend but please call ahead if you can.

- **Thursday, May 25, 2023, via Zoom 8:00-10:00 AM (1 credit)**

Nutrition and Fungicides and Weeds, Issues of the Day

- **Thursday, June 22, 2023, in-person 8:00-10:00 AM (1 credit)**

Post-Herbicide Wipes and Fruit Rot and Nutrition, Issues of the Day

Location: State Bog, UMass Cranberry Station, 1 State Bog Road, East Wareham, MA

CRANBERRY IPM MESSAGE has started. Updates will be made weekly every Friday afternoon. You can read it on our website and/or call in to listen to a 3-minute audio message. To read the weekly Cranberry IPM Message, please go to our website: <https://ag.umass.edu/cranberry> and the IPM Message link is on the right-hand side of the home page. To listen please call: 508-322-1317. Please note: this is a NEW phone number for 2023!

ID Clinics in the Entomology Lab, Room 106 Lab Building. **Tuesdays, May 30 and June 13, 2023, 7:30-9:30 AM.** Review insect identifications, bring in some frozen sweep samples for ID and microscope ID, study sweep net specimens, review spray recommendations, coffee shop talk. These are free! You will earn 2 pesticide credits per clinic. To attend or for more information, **please contact Marty** at 508-265-6921 or martys@umass.edu or Anne at averill@eco.umass.edu.

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Our **Ribbon Cutting** was held on April 21, 2023 and was a huge success. Approximately 100 folks attended including University administration, Board of Trustees, legislators, industry representative and growers along with current and retired UMCS employees. Mother Nature was kind to us and the weather was beautiful. The caterers did a great job with the food. Not only did we cut a ribbon for the Bogside Building, but we also cut a ribbon for the Makepeace Meeting Room (upper level). If you have not yet been down to our new digs, please come to visit! Any of us would be happy to show you around!!



Ribbon Cutting for the Makepeace Meeting Room

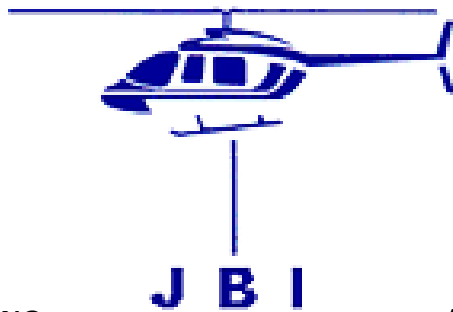


Ribbon Cutting for the new addition at the Station

THE USDA/ARS TEAM AT THE CRANBERRY STATION



The USDA/ARS team attended the Ribbon Cutting ceremony. It was great to have the ARS area director and research leader attend the event as well. *Pictured are: (left to right): Nicole Henderson (PSWMRU Technician), Tom Shanower (NEA Director), Carrie Laboski (PSWMRU Research Leader), Casey Kennedy (PSWMRU Research Hydrologist), Adrian Wiegman (PSWMRU Research Biologist Postdoc), Sandeep Bhatti (UMass Agricultural Engineer Postdoc), Joey Loffredo (PSWMRU Technician), Dave Millar (PSWMRU Research Agricultural Engineer), and Molly Welsh (PSWMRU Research Hydrologist Postdoc).*



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