On April 17, buds were examined from the following cultivars: Early Black (EB), Howes (H), Ben Lear (BL), Stevens (ST), and Crimson Queen (CQ). These buds were collected at State Bog in East Wareham. All cultivars had buds that had reached the cabbage head stage - bud has expanded radially, scales are loose. The buds shown are at early cabbage head -- when compared to those on the April 6 sheet, scales have loosened more and buds are expanding. However, they have not all achieved the full 2mm cabbage head size.

At the cabbage head stage tolerance for EB and H is 25°F; tolerance for BL and ST is 27°F. Based on appearance, new hybrids should be assumed to have the same tolerance as BL.

ALWAYS CHECK THE TOLERANCE ON YOUR BOGS.

EB cabbage head, 25°F, State Bog 4/17

H cabbage head, 25°F, State Bog 4/17
BL cabbage head, 27°F, State Bog 4/17
2 photos

ST cabbage head, 27°F, State Bog 4/17
2 photos
CQ cabbage head, 27°F, State Bog 4/17