CRANBERRY PRODUCTION TRAINING  
SHERATON INN, PLYMOUTH  
Thursday, January 18th, 2001 8-4 PM

This new training is a straight forward session on “what you need to know” to grow cranberries effectively and economically. It is being offered as an alternative to the advanced cranberry school, which was often too theoretical according to our audience. The advanced school will not be offered this year.

The usual aspects will be covered -- insects, weeds, disease, nutrition, and water management. This meeting will offer an opportunity for the Cranberry Station faculty and staff to present areas of research that have reached the grower-implementation stage. The presentations will be “nuts and bolts” with an emphasis on the how’s and why’s of optimal production practices.

$10.00 charge includes mid-morning coffee break and handouts. Lunch is on your own (1-1/2 hours).

Re-certification credits for the cranberry category will be offered - 4 contact hours.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

CRANBERRY DISEASE MANAGEMENT--Frank Caruso
PESTICIDE SAFETY--Martha Sylvia
Coffee break
SCOUTING YOUR OWN BOGS--Hilary Sandler
MANAGING KEY CRANBERRY PESTS--Anne Averill
Lunch 12 Noon - 1:30 PM
GROWING SEASON WATER MANAGEMENT--Bruce Lampinen
CRANBERRY WEED MANAGEMENT--Hilary Sandler
ALTERNATIVE PRACTICES--Carolyn DeMoranville
LOWEST INPUT MANAGEMENT--Carolyn DeMoranville

Please use the registration form on page 3.

2001 UMass Annual Cranberry Research and Extension Update  
Mass Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay  
Saturday, March 17th, 2001 8 AM - NOON

Cranberry station personnel will present highlights of their 2000 research projects. Poster sessions will be held 8:00 to 8:30 AM.

Meeting will include an early morning coffee break. Re-certification credits for the cranberry category will be offered - 2 contact hours.

Registration forms for these two meetings will be in later issues.

BEGINNERS CRANBERRY SCHOOL  
Cranberry Station Library  
Tuesday, April 24th, 2001 5-9 PM

The beginner cranberry school is designed for new growers to become familiar with basic concepts of cranberry management. Experienced growers are welcome if they wish a review. Presentations will include the fundamentals of insect, disease, weeds and nutritional management. We are offering this program in the evening to make it more convenient for growers.

Meeting will include a mid-evening coffee break and handouts. Re-certification credits for the cranberry category will be offered - 2 contact hours.

Registration forms for these two meetings will be in later issues.

University of Massachusetts, College of Food and Natural Resources, United States Department of Agriculture, and Massachusetts counties cooperating. UMass Extension offers equal opportunity in programs and employment.
PESTICIDE COLLECTION PROGRAMS
NOVEMBER 14 - MIDDLEBORO

The Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau will conduct its third Annual Waste Pesticide Collection Program in November. The annual collection program is a legal, low cost opportunity for pesticide users to dispose of unused, unwanted, banned and canceled pesticides. The costs for disposal will be $9 per gallon and $1.35 per pound.

The total amount of pesticides removed to date from the Massachusetts environment as a direct result of the Bureau’s annual collection efforts is roughly 50,000 lbs. Products collected over the past two years at various sites statewide and directly from individuals include DDT, chlordane, lead arsenate and 2,4,5-T.

This year, once again, Safety-Kleen will be the licensed hazardous waste hauler collecting the waste pesticides. The collection events will occur at Massachusetts Highway Department facilities in the following locations:

  Northampton, Wednesday, November 8.
  Millbury, Thursday, November 9.
  Concord, Friday, November 10.
  Middleboro, Tuesday, November 14.

Direction to Middleboro site: Mass Highway Depot, Route 28. (From Route 495, take the exit for Route 44. Travel 1/4 mile eastbound to the Middleboro rotary. Take Route 28 south for a couple of miles. The depot is located after the State Police barracks on the right.) “Pesticide Bureau Event” signs will be posted outside to indicate the location.

In order to participate you must pre-register with Safety-Kleen. To pre-register you must obtain a pre-registration from the Pesticide Collection Program web site at www.massdfa.org/waste.htm. Alternatively, you can call the Pesticide Bureau at 617-626-1773.

When you must pre-register with Safety-Kleen they will assign you a time to show up at the site. Representatives will also inform you of the amount of money you will be charged. Please pay on the day of the collection event using a cashier’s check.

Applicators are responsible for making sure that their pesticides are packaged correctly for transportation. To obtain information on the safe packaging and transportation of pesticides, go to the Pesticide Collection Program website at http://www.massdfa.org/waste.htm.

The November 2000 event is expected to be the final Pesticide Bureau sponsored collection event for waste pesticides for some time. (Source: UMass Extension Floral Notes, V o. 13, No. 2, September-October 2000).

NOVEMBER FEATURE ON CRANBERRIES

Visit the website of the American Phytopathological Society (www.apsnet.com) and go to the feature article on cranberries and the diseases that impact this fascinating crop. Pete Bristow (Washington State University), Peter Oudemans (Rutgers University) and I have put this item together for your enjoyment. You don’t have to be a plant pathologist to go there!

FRANK L. CARUSO, PLANT PATHOLOGY
MEETING CHANGES

The 2001 UMass Annual Cranberry Research and Extension Update Meeting will be changed from a full day to a half day meeting. The location will also be changed from the SeaCrest in North Falmouth to the Mass. Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay. The day and time of the meeting will also change to a Saturday morning to help growers who now have other jobs.

We will continue to stay with the changes made last year and will not be offering The Advanced Cranberry School. We will continue to offer the Cranberry Production Training. It will cover the “nitty gritty” of cranberry cultivation for people who are new to cranberry growing as well as those who have been doing it for decades. We will try to emphasize cost savings options whenever appropriate in our presentations.

We will also keep the time for the Beginner’s Cranberry School in the evening, 5-9 PM. This will allow people with other jobs to take advantage of this workshop.

In response to the tough financial times faced by the industry, we have attempted to reduce the meeting costs as much as possible.

If there are other suggestions or recommendations, please contact one of us at the Station at any time.

WORKER PROTECTION TRAININGS
CRANBERRY STATION LIBRARY
2 - 4 PM

Worker Protection Trainings for cranberry workers in the Handler category will be offered in the spring of 2001: March 28, April 25, May 30, and June 27. Anyone working on the bog must be trained unless they are a family member or already have a pesticide license. There will be a $5.00 charge that includes training book and EPA verification card. Contact Martha Sylvia: 508-295-2212, ext. 20 for additional information.

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**Registration Form for Cranberry Production Training**

**Thursday, January 18, 2001  8-4 PM**

**Plymouth Sheraton**

Please register for the meeting using this form.

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NAMES OF ATTENDEES________________________________

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Return complete form with payment by January 10th, 2001, include check made out to UMASS, $10 per person.

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