



# Cranberry Station Newsletter

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## CRANBERRY STATION BOGSIDE WORKSHOPS

This season, we will be holding two bogside workshops. The first workshop will focus on **Frost Tolerances and Frost Management Issues**. The second bogside workshop will focus on **Fairy Ring** (location to be announced). The format is informal - so come with your questions. We hope to get one pesticide recertification credit for the second workshop. Mark your calendars with these dates - **no** pre-registration required.

| Date                | Time         | Location   |
|---------------------|--------------|--|
| April 22, Wednesday | 1:30 – 3:30  | A.D. Makepeace Company<br>154 Tihonet Road, Wareham MA 02571 |
| June 09, Tuesday    | 9:30 – 11:00 | TBA  |

### Directions for April 22:

#### From Wareham

From Route 28 (Cranberry Highway) turn onto Tihonet Road, which is opposite the Mill Pond Station and Mill Pond Diner. Follow Tihonet Road to the white-fenced bridge and the entrance to the A.D. Makepeace Company, on the right. The Market is the first building on the left.

#### From the Cape or points North

Take Route 25 (from Cape Cod) or Interstate 495 (from points north) to Interstate 195 West, then take Interstate 195 West to Route 28. At the top of the ramp turn left onto Route 28 South. Continue on Route 28 South for about a mile, and follow the directions above.

#### From the South Shore

From Route 3, take Route 44 to Route 495 South then follow the directions above.

#### From the West

Take I-195 East to Exit 21 in Wareham. Turn right onto Route 28 South, then follow the directions above.

### WORKER PROTECTION TRAININGS Cranberry Station Library 2-4 PM

Worker Protection Trainings for cranberry workers in the handler category will be offered this spring.

April 29, May 27, and June 24

There is a \$5 fee to cover the cost of the WPS training manual. If you have a pesticide license, you do not need this training.

**Contact Martha Sylvia:** 508-295-2212, ext. 20 to sign up or for additional information.

Dr. Carolyn DeMoranville  
Station Director

## PRELIMINARY KEEPING QUALITY FORECAST

The forecast is for **FAIR** keeping quality. As of April 1, there are 3 points out of a possible 10 that favor keeping quality for the 2009 Massachusetts cranberry crop. The 3 points were awarded for favorable sunshine hours in March (2 points) and 1 point was awarded for lower rainfall amounts in March. The final keeping quality forecast (issued after June 1) could be upgraded if we have a cool and dry April and May. Based on the present forecast, fungicide applications and the rate of fungicides applied should not be reduced.

As for the holding of late water, there are no definitive indicators pro or con. Growers should determine whether to hold late water based on bed condition: Was the bed sanded (and there are many of these)? Does the bed show visible winter injury or other stresses (there may be some yellow vine syndrome showing up at this point)? Was fruit rot incidence high in 2008? There should be minimal winter injury to vines because most beds were properly flooded at the periods of coldest temperatures. Check the section on late water in the Chart Book for advice regarding whether to use this cultural practice. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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