

TEACHER KEY

Into the Marsh

A Grower's Work is Never Done

Part 1: Sort By Season - Teacher Key

As a grower, you know your work is never done. Growing cranberries is a year-round job! Every season has its own long list of tasks. Here are a few of the main tasks to get you ready to plan your year. Note that some tasks happen during more than one season.

Spring

- protect buds from frost
- pull early weeds (weeding continues into summer)
- renovate marshes, plant new vines

Summer

- irrigate crops
- rent bee hives
- protect plants from insect pests (this begins in the spring)

Autumn/Fall

- harvest the crop – fresh fruit harvest or harvest berries for cranberry products (or both)
- sell the crop

Winter

- fix and build equipment
- attend special classes for growers
- spread sand on marshes