

TEACHER KEY

Into the Marsh

A Grower's Work is Never Done

Part 2: Tools for the Task - Teacher Key

As a cranberry grower, you know how important technology is to helping you get your work done. Technology is anything created by people to help solve a problem – anything from a rake to a high tech electronic gadget. Here are some examples of the technologies that can be helpful to you as you go through your seasonal tasks.

Spring

- **digital thermometer:** protect buds from frost
- **weeding tool, snippers, etc:** pull early weeds
- **vines:** renovate marshes, plant new vines

Summer

- **rain gauge:** irrigate crops
- **bee hives:** rent bee hives
- **pheromone "sticky" trap:** protect plants from insect pests

Autumn/Fall

- **water harvester (with water reel):** harvest berries for cranberry products
- **mechanical raker:** harvest fresh berries
- **bounce machine, optical sorter:** sell the crop

Winter

- **brush:** fix and build equipment
- **computer, notebook, books:** attend special classes for growers
- **marsh sander:** spread sand on marshes