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Online Growers' Manual for New Growers

PART 2 : TOOLS FOR THE TASK

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
rake: renovate and work on new bog areas

Summer

rain gauge: irrigate crops
bee hives: rent bee hives (so bees can pollinate crop)
pheromone ("sticky") trap: protect plants from insect pests

Autumn/Fall

water harvester (with water reel): harvest the crop using wet method
Bailey separator: harvest the crop using dry method (or both)
berry sorter table (to help select the best dry harvested berries): sell the crop

Winter

brush: fix and build equipment
computer, notebook, books: attend special classes for growers
bog sander: spread sand on bogs



Even simple technologies, such as this bucket and scoop, have made work easier at cranberry bogs.

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