

Bog-Aware! Assessor's Report

Dear Bog Adopter:

Thank you for choosing *Bog-Aware!* as your assessor. This report should help you decide whether to run a cranberry bog on the LIBERTY site.

Assessment of Bog Success Factors

Factor	Assessor Comments	+	Neutral	-
LOCALE				
Plot: • Open? • Troublesome plants nearby?	Wide open area. Very low risk of troublesome plants and weeds.	✓		
Access to sand	Lots of available sand. This will help keep costs low.	✓		
RESOURCES				
Water supply (in addition to rain)	The reservoir is on-site and owned, but it is shrinking. It is unlikely to support cranberries.			✓
State of the art (meaning very modern) technology/ equipment	Modern equipment is present. The pop-up sprinklers can help support a bog.	✓		
Community support	The nearby nature conservation areas are a good sign. However, without more information, it is difficult to know if the community supports farming, including cranberry growing.		✓	
CLIMATE AND WEATHER				
Temperature	Warmer spring temperatures mean low spring frost damage risk. However, autumn and winter are warm. Berries are unlikely to get a good color, and the plants will not go into dormancy. Dormancy is critical for future berry formation.			✓
Rainfall	Last year there was enough rain, but the 100-year average shows this site is not likely to get enough rain most years. The dry climate is likely to make the reservoir continue to shrink.			✓
TOTALS: +, NEUTRAL, -		3	1	3

Recommendations: Adopt this bog only if the number of + and neutral points outnumbers the number of – points, and if you think you can work with the negative factors. However, if there is not enough water, you must not adopt the bog.