

WEED MANAGEMENT 2008

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Weeds compete with cranberry vines for light, water, and nutrients. Weeds can shade vines, reducing cranberry photosynthesis and nitrogen uptake. Tall weeds may discourage pollinating insects, and extend the drying time of rainfall, irrigation, and dew from the vines. Wet vines favor disease development and may impede the release of pollen during bloom. Heavy stands of weeds impede harvesting and can damage berries during harvest. Weeds also allow refuge for many insect pests, and some weeds make attractive primary hosts for dodder, aiding its establishment within the bed. In short, weeds reduce cranberry yield and quality. An effective cranberry weed management program uses both cultural and chemical controls.

Weeds Found on Maine's Commercial Cranberry Beds

ξ = quite prevalent or widespread

☹ = quite problematic and/or harmful to Maine cranberry beds

Weed priorities are indicated by a number (1=no tolerance, 2=serious concern, 3=less concern, and 4=lowest concern) based on their likelihood to cause yield loss, ability to spread, and difficulty of control.

Mass = Massachusetts

Barnyard Grass (annual) ⁴	Horsetail (Mare's Tail) (<i>equisetum</i>) (perennial) ξ ☹ Mass ⁴ Maine ²
Beggarstick (Pitchfork) (annual) Mass ⁴ Maine ^{2 or 3}	Ladysthumb (Smartweed) (perennial) Mass ⁴ Maine ^{3 and sometimes 2} ξ ☹
Birch Tree Saplings ³ ξ	Maple Tree Saplings ³ ξ
Bluets (Quaker Ladies) (Innocence) (annual) ⁴	Meadowsweet (perennial) ⁴
Carpetweed (annual) ⁴	Narrow-leaved Goldenrod (perennial) ² ξ ☹
Clover (Red, White & Low-hop varieties) (perennial) Mass ⁴ Maine ² ξ ☹	New York Aster (perennial) ²
Common Cinquefoil (Five-finger) (perennial) ³	Pitchfork (Beggarstick) (annual) Mass ⁴ Maine ^{2 or 3}
Creeping Yellow Cress	Prostrate Spurge (annual) ⁴
Cudweed (annual) ⁴ ξ in some years	Ragweed (annual) ⁴
Dandelion (perennial) ³	Sandspurry (annual) ⁴ ξ
Dodder (a few sites per year) (annual) ¹ ☹	Sedges (perennial) ³
Dwarf St. Johnswort (perennial) ² ξ ☹	Small-flowered White Aster (perennial) ²
Fireweed (annual) ⁴	Smartweed (Ladysthumb) (perennial) ²⁻³ ξ ☹
Hair-cap Moss (perennial) ⁴	Thyme-leaved Speedwell (perennial) ³
Hawkweed (perennial) ⁴	Toadflax, Blue (perennial) ³
	Yellow Loosestrife (Swamp Candles) (perennial) ¹⁻² ξ ☹

NOTE:

A list like this one is also part of the Maine cranberry web site, where you can find pictures of many of the above plants. Visit the weeds page directly at <http://www.umaine.edu/umext/cranberries/weeds.htm> Another very good site on the web for weed photos and descriptions can be found at http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/weeds_common.html

Scientific, Common, and Family Names

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FAMILY
Barnyard grass	<i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i>	Poaceae (Graminae) - Grass Family
Beggarstick (Pitchfork)	<i>Bidens frondosa</i>	Asteraceae (Compositae) - Aster or Sunflower Family
Bluets	<i>Houstonia caerulea</i>	Rubiaceae - Madder Family
Carpetweed	<i>Mollugo verticillata</i>	Aizoaceae - Carpetweed Family
Clover (White clover)	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	Fabaceae (Leguminosae) - Pea or Bean Family
Clover (Red clover)	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Fabaceae (Leguminosae) - Pea or Bean Family
Clover (Low-hop or hop)	<i>Trifolium agrarium</i>	Fabaceae (Leguminosae) - Pea or Bean Family
Common Cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla simplex</i>	Rosaceae - Rose Family
Creeping Yellow Cress	<i>Rorippa sylvestris</i>	Brassicaceae (Cruciferae) - Mustard Family
Cudweed	<i>Gnaphalium uliginosum</i> L.	Asteraceae (Compositae) - Aster or Sunflower Family
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Asteraceae (Compositae) - Aster or Sunflower Family
Dodder	<i>Cuscuta</i> spp.	Convolvulaceae - Morningglory Family
Dwarf St. Johnswort	<i>Hypericum mutilum</i>	Hypericaceae (Clusiaceae) – St Johnswort Family
Fireweed	<i>Epilobium angustifolium</i>	Onagraceae – Evening Primrose Family
Hair-cap Moss	<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	Polytrichaceae
Hawkweed	<i>Hieracium pratense</i>	Asteraceae (Compositae) - Aster or Sunflower Family
Horsetail	<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	Equisetaceae – Horsetail Family
Ladysthumb (Smartweed)	<i>Polygonum persicaria</i>	Polygonaceae - Smartweed or Buckwheat Family
Meadowsweet	<i>Spiraea alba</i>	Rosaceae – Rose Family
New York Aster	<i>Aster novi-belgii</i>	Asteraceae (Compositae) - Aster or Sunflower Family
Prostrate Spurge	<i>Euphorbia humistrata</i>	Euphorbiaceae – Spurge Family
Ragweed (Common Ragweed)	<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>	Asteraceae (Compositae) - Aster or Sunflower Family
Sandspurry (Red Sandspurry)	<i>Spergularia rubra</i>	Caryophyllaceae - Pink Family
Small-flowered White Aster	<i>Aster vimineus</i>	Asteraceae (Compositae) - Aster or Sunflower Family
Thyme-leaved Speedwell	<i>Veronica serpyllifolia</i>	Scrophulariaceae – Figwort Family
Toadflax, Blue	<i>Nuttallanthus canadensis</i>	Scrophulariaceae – Figwort Family
Yellow Loosestrife	<i>Lysimachia terrestris</i>	Lythraceae – Loosestrife Family

NOTE: For a much longer list like this one, visit http://www.umassgreeninfo.org/fact_sheets/weed_herbarium/common_name_list.htm

WEED & HERBICIDE NOTES:

- Over **400 species** of weeds have been noted in US cranberry beds.
- **Annual versus Perennial:** *ANNUAL PLANTS* complete their life cycle in one year and reproduce only by seed. *PERENNIAL PLANTS* can live for many years and may reproduce by seed, runners, rhizomes, etc. Most of the weeds in cranberry production are, unfortunately, perennials. With the exception of dodder, annual weeds pose fewer challenges than do perennial weeds.
- **Clipper Applicators:** Roundup products are the only products currently labeled for use in clipper application. No other glyphosate products may be used this way. Using the correct technique is critical—the Roundup must be applied to the stem as it is cut! Good stem coverage and adequate flow without dripping is essential. Concentrated solutions (50-100% Roundup) work best.
- **Root and/or Vine Inhibition:** Herbicide use may weaken vines and crops may be reduced.
- **Timing of Preemergence Herbicides:** Spring applications are typically done from March through late April. Fall applications are typically done 1-2 weeks after harvest, but at least 2-3 weeks prior to the winter flood.
- To be most effective, rain should follow the application of any dry herbicide formulation within 4 days or the bed should be irrigated.
- Wash herbicide equipment with soap/detergent and water immediately after use. Rinse with ammonia after using hormone-type herbicides (such as Stinger®).
- **Mowing:** Mowing of tall weeds helps to prevent shading and reduces seed formation.
- **Late-Water Flood (pp 45-47):** a Late-water flood causes a general reduction of annual grasses and reduces dewberry populations and re-growth.

ORGANIC WEED CONTROL

Dodder	Pulling (by hand) followed by flagging for future inspections, Trash Flooding (removes many of the seeds), Short Summer Flood of 18 to 24 hours in mid-May, Sanding (delayed and synchronized emergence) (if 1/2" or more, then less germination of seeds).
Wild bean (ground nut), and rushes	Salt (sodium chloride) (may work on some other Maine weeds as well--probably worth trying), Pulling (by hand) , Acidic pH (4.0 to 5.0), Spot-treating with excess sulfur (results variable), Sanding (delayed emergence).
Ragweed, narrow-leaved goldenrod, pitchfork (beggarstick), and dandelion (members of the Sunflower family--Asteraceae)	Pulling (by hand) , Acidic pH (4.0 to 5.0), Spot-treating with excess sulfur (results variable), Spot-treating with sodium chloride (better on some weeds than others, but probably worth trying), Late Water Flooding (pp. 45-47) (delays weed growth), Trash Flooding (removes small and floatable weed seeds, like those of dodder), Sanding (delays emergence).
Asters, cinquefoil, St. John's wort, mosses and ferns	Iron sulfate , plus any of the options below.
<i>Essentially all Weeds</i>	Pulling (by hand) , Acidic pH (4.0 to 5.0), Spot-treating with excess sulfur (results variable), Spot-treating with sodium chloride (better on some weeds than others, but probably worth trying), Late Water Flooding (pp. 45-47) (delays weed growth), Trash Flooding (removes small and floatable weed seeds, like those of dodder), Sanding (delayed emergence), Mowing weed tops (before seed production), Sawdust mulch (2" depth) – difficult for small plants to grow up through it, Vinegar at 5% acetic acid concentration and 20 – 100 gpa rate (plus an adjuvant) (very good against mosses).

CHEMICAL CONTROL OF SPECIFIC WEEDS (listed in alphabetical order):

ASTERS (Small-flowered White Aster, New York Aster, Purple Aster, etc.) (Priority 2)

The impact of asters on cranberries is variable. They are usually found in bare patches, and once a patch of asters becomes established, they are much harder to control. Applications of Casoron in April or November offer some suppression but will probably not eradicate them. Glyphosate wipes in the summer may be helpful. Thorough coverage and repeat applications are necessary.

Callisto	8 oz/A	2 apps / season allowed; best if asters are <5" tall.
Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A	Apply in the spring or fall.
Iron sulfate	3 oz/sq. ft.	Apply during summer.
Stinger	<i>Spray:</i> 0.33-0.5 oz/gal or 0.75-1.2 tsp (3.6-5.4 ml) per gallon. <i>Wipe:</i> 2.5 oz/gal or 5 Tbl per gallon.	

BEGGARSTICK (PITCHFORK), FIREWEED, AND RAGWEED (Mass: Priority 4) (Maine: Priority 2 or 3 depending on individual levels)

Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A	Apply in spring. May also be applied in the fall for control of ragweed. Moderate rates are suggested.
Caliber 90	up to 3.3 lb/A	Apply in spring.
Princep 4L	up to 3 qt/A	
Princep 80W	3.75 lb/A	

RAGWEED:

Callisto	8 oz/A	2 apps / season allowed; best if asters are <5" tall.
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PITCHFORK AND RAGWEED:

Stinger	<i>Spray:</i> 0.07-0.11 oz/gal or 0.4-0.7 tsp (1.8-3.0 ml) per gallon. <i>Wipe:</i> 2.5 oz/gal or 5 Tbl per gallon.	
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BIRCH & MAPLE TREE SAPLINGS (and other trees) (Priority 3)

The best management strategy is to pull young saplings before the root system becomes established. Larger trees must be dug out. Glyphosate wipes may be used to control small maples and to weaken large trees to facilitate removal. Clipping stems with Roundup-dispensing applicators in August may offer partial control.

- **Roundup WeatherMAX** - Apply anytime trees are present except 30 days before harvest.
 - **Glyphosate products** – See Notes section on Roundup.
 - **Callisto** (for birches / willows) – Control is possible if timed at early emergence.
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CLOVER AND VETCH (Mass: Priority 4) (Maine: Priority 2 for many growers)

Stinger offers good postemergence control of these plants. Control clover early in the spring prior to cranberry budbreak. Vetch is also sensitive to **Callisto**. Both clover and vetch tend to occur in areas of high pH. If soil pH is 5.0 or above, spot-treating with two applications of sulfur at the rate of 0.2 oz/sq. ft. is another option. Apply the sulfur in the late spring when soil is drained and frost protecting is past. Lower rates of herbicides may be effective when sulfur has been added and the pH is lowered. Exception: Older and larger clover plants may be rooted too deeply to be affected by sulfur, especially if the root system has penetrated into clay.

CINQUEFOIL / COMMON CINQUEFOIL (FIVE-FINGER) (Priority 3)

The impact of cinquefoil is variable. Colonization of cinquefoil may indicate a problem with vine growth, so sometimes improving one's fertilizer program will help take care of both problems. Wiping or pulling cinquefoil is also an effective means of eliminating this weed, particularly if it is patchy in occurrence. Maintaining a properly acidic pH can help as well by making the vines more competitive.

Iron sulfate 20%	3 oz/sq. ft.	Apply during the summer months. Several formulations and percent active ingredient of iron sulfate are available. Granular forms are easier to apply (drop-spreader), but take longer to act than finely powdered formulations. See notes section on Iron sulfate.
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Callisto: Wait until the first flush of new growth is finished (if too early, the cinquefoil will recover). 8 oz/A
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CUDWEED (Priority 4)

This weed seems to thrive during some years, while it can hardly be found during other years. Growers who have had large masses of it reported having almost none of it return the following year. It is not listed in the Massachusetts weed IPM section, nor is it listed on the Callisto, Casoron, or Stinger labels, but any of these products would most likely provide control if timed early.

DANDELION (Priority 3)

If there are too many to pull or to control with any other traditional methods, Stinger will control dandelion as it is a member of the Compositae family. Callisto provides partial control, even if they are greater than 5" tall.

DODDER (Priority 1)

Dodder is an obligate parasitic plant and can be truly devastating to a cranberry bed if it becomes successfully established. The best management strategy for dodder control is prevention of infestation, because it doesn't take many mature seed capsules spread across a bed to quickly escalate one's dodder problems (each seed capsule may contain 100+ tiny seeds). We have not had any bed in Maine become irreversibly infested with dodder (unlike the case for some Massachusetts bogs), because growers have been diligent about eradicating each and every dodder plant they have found.

- **Casoron 4G at 30-60 lb/A – apply within 10 to 14 days of the first seedling emergence; follow with 0.2" water to incorporate herbicide; split applications can be used, but only up to a total of 100 lb/A per 12-month period, and allow at least 3 weeks between applications.** To maximize Casoron's effectiveness, the soil temperature should be at least 60°F to allow the herbicide to volatilize. If frequent rains occur after application and prior to the volatilization of the herbicide, the water may move some of the herbicide down below the dodder seed zone, thereby reducing its effectiveness. To avoid vine injury, do not apply as the plants approach bud-break.
 - Begin looking for dodder in mid to late June. Most dodder seedlings in Maine have been found during the first part of July (much later than in Massachusetts, where they recommend scouting for dodder in early to mid April). Mild winter temperatures, however, such as what we experienced in 2005-2006, promote earlier emergence of dodder. Massachusetts research has found that most dodder seedlings emerge from about Day 10 through Day 60 after the point of first emergence. Less than 3% of dodder plants emerge within the first 10 days of emergence.
 - Anywhere dodder is just beginning, careful scouting and hand removal of the dodder seedlings is a wise practice. Use a bucket or garbage bag to deposit the dodder into to avoid the possibility of dropping any seeds or pieces of dodder while leaving the bed. This is important because dodder can spread vegetatively: very small pieces of stem can grow into new plants.
 - Any locations where dodder is found should be marked somehow - with flags, for example (assuming just a handful of locations), as new seedlings will often sprout up again in the same locations; it is very difficult to completely remove all of the dodder in any given location on the first attempt, and the emergence of dodder seedlings can be spread out over 2 to 3 months!
 - For any bed where dodder seed has been successfully released and the bed has been subsequently water-harvested, the dodder seed will tend to accumulate in the area of the bed where the berries are removed during the harvest. Such areas should be scouted carefully in subsequent growing seasons.
 - Dodder seed is easily moved in harvest water and on equipment.
 - Dodder typically requires a non-cranberry plant to serve as its first host, as cranberry stems are somewhat resistant to dodder infection early in the season. Thus, control of weeds that can serve as alternate hosts, such as goldenrod, looserstrife, St. Johnswort and asters, is important for early-season control.
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DWARF ST. JOHNSWORT / ST. JOHN'S WORT (Priority 2)

Regarded as only a minor weed in Massachusetts, but high numbers of this plant have been found on many beds in Maine. It can spread by both seeds and runners. Among St. Johnsworts, this species is dwarf not in plant size, but in flower size. It is a favored host of dodder, before the dodder moves in and infects cranberry vines. Since this weed tends to be patchy, consider spot-treatment. Hand-pulling St. Johnswort may stimulate

GRASSES: PERENNIAL GRASSES (Priority 3) (Povertygrass, Summergrass, Velvetgrass, Smokegrass, Mannagrass, Rattlesnakegrass, Switchgrass, Rice cutgrass and Panicgrass)

These grasses often colonize bare areas. Encouraging vine growth may reduce the potential for problems. Some species may be difficult to eradicate once they become established. Consider tank mixing any of the materials listed here with **Callisto** to optimize results (Callisto by itself usually gives poor control). **TIMING:** Spring applications are typically done in April; Fall applications are typically done 1-2 weeks after harvest, but at least 2-3 weeks prior to the winter flood. For cutgrass, which comes up earlier than other grasses, apply Devrinol early in the spring (usually before April 10th in Massachusetts). **(S)** or **(F)** following the weed name indicates if 'Spring only' or 'Fall only' applications are preferred.

PREEMERGENCE OPTIONS

Discontinued	Devrinol 10G (still legal to use)	60-90 lb/A for peat-based bogs 40-60 lb/A for mineral soils
	Devrinol 50DF	12-18 lb/A for peat-based bogs 8-12 lb/A for mineral soils
	Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A
	Evital 5G	80-120 lb/A 120-160 lb/A

GRASSES CONTROLLED

Povertygrass, Rice cutgrass, and Summergrass (S)
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Mannagrass (S), Rice cutgrass, Summergrass, Velvetgrass, and Rattlesnakegrass (S)
Rice cutgrass (S), Smokegrass (S) Panicgrass (S), Summergrass, and Switchgrass (F). With Switchgrass, repeated mowing helps; best to dig it out prior to seed formation.

POSTEMERGENCE OPTIONS

Poast	1-1.5% solution + Dash HC (0.5%) or crop oil concentrate (1%) for 'true' grasses only! Apply at 6-8 leaf stage. Addition of other adjuvants is not recommended. May be applied by broadcast applicator. Chemigation is not permitted.
Select	6-8 oz/A per application + 1% v/v COC in the finished spray volume unless label indicates otherwise. True grasses only. Chemigation not permitted. Repeat applications may be needed. Use 10-30 gal water per acre. For each gallon, mix 0.4 oz Select + 1.3 oz. COC.
Select MAX	9-16 oz/A per application + 0.25% v:v non-ionic surfactant (NIS). Use 1.3 TBSP (39 ml) Select MAX and 0.65 TBSP (19 ml) NIS per gallon for a mid-range rate. Use NIS (not COC) with Select MAX.

HAIR-CAP MOSS & SPHAGNUM MOSS (Priority 4)

The presence of this moss, or of Sphagnum moss, may indicate a drainage problem. Evaluate the drainage in the affected area and improve prior to starting a chemical control plan. Multiple applications (at least 2) of 20-40% **vinegar** solutions (store-bought, 5% acetic acid) made in mid-summer have shown good control of haircap moss. Tolerance-exempt products, such as NoMoss (e.g., SaferGRO, OMRI-approved), have also shown efficacy.

For Hair-cap moss:

Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A	Be judicious in applying high rates for moss control, especially on vines showing signs of stress.
Ammonium Sulfate	15 oz/100 sq. ft.	21-0-0. Apply in the spring.

For Sphagnum moss:

Iron Sulfate	3 oz/sq. ft.	Apply during April.
Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A	Apply in the fall only.

HAWKWEED (ORANGE HAWKWEED) (Priority 4)

Considered a minor weed, Orange hawkweed is a fibrous-rooted perennial plant originating from Europe. It has a leafless stem with stiff, black, glandular hairs, milky juice, leaves mostly basal, above-ground runners that root at the tips, and unique orange-red flowers evident throughout the growing season. Control small infestations by careful digging of rosette plants. Avoid breaking off the shallow roots as plants can quickly re-grow from root

pieces. For this reason, *pulling is seldom effective*. Removal of flower stems prevents seed production, but repeated mowing can encourage vegetative growth.

Casoron 4G

Use lowest rates possible. Apply in Spring or Fall.

HORSETAIL (MARE'S TAIL) (SCOURINGRUSH) (*Equisetum arvense*) (Mass: Priority 4)
(Maine: Priority 2 for many growers)

Equisetum is a native perennial with an extensive tuber-bearing creeping root system. Though distributed world-wide, it is the only surviving genus of the horsetail family, with just 35 living species. It is probably the most ancient plant family alive today, resembling taller plants that dominated the landscape during the dinosaur age. The stems are jointed and hollow; leaves whorled, scale-like, non-green, and somewhat similar to fir needles; Horizontal, vegetative rhizomes beneath the soil/sand surface; Reproductive part of the plant is a very straight, leafless and brown stalk bearing a cone-like strobilus at the tip, within which spores are formed and later released. The reproductive stems/stalks appear to be separated from the green, leaf-possessing stems, but the two types of stems are connected together by the underground rhizomes. **Control:** The tenacious root system of horsetail makes long term control a very difficult prospect. **It generally requires 75 lbs/A or more of Casoron to achieve control, and is reported to be resistant to most other herbicides.** Since it does particularly well in neutral or slightly basic soils, make sure the pH of your bed is acidic; Improve your bed's drainage since they do very well in wet areas. Cut fertile stems prior to spore formation to reduce spread potential. Porous landscape fabrics or black plastic mulch effectively prevent horsetail growth. Sawdust or bark mulches are ineffective. Deep cultivation can be effective in the short term. Be aware that rhizomes cut into very short pieces will regenerate, so shallow cultivation and dragging the rhizomes are not advised.

Horsetail Notes of Interest:

- Can accumulate gold in its tissues, up to 4.5 ounces of gold per ton of fresh plant material. Its value in this regard is primarily as an *indicator* plant rather than as a commercial source of gold.
- Made into a diuretic tea by Native Americans and early settlers.
- Used as a cough medicine for horses.
- Used for scouring and polishing objects.
- The young shoots were once eaten either cooked or raw.

LADYSTHUMB (SMARTWEED) (WILD BUCKWHEAT) (Mass: Priority 4) (Maine: Priority 3 and sometimes 2 for some growers)

Ladysthumb is a perennial plant that forms dense colonies in shallow water or moist soils and can grow to 3 feet tall. The leaves are distinctly pigmented in the centers. This dark green, triangle-shaped splotch was at one time thought to resemble a lady's thumbprint; Leaves alternate, opposite, 2-6" (5-15 cm) long and narrowly or broadly lanceolate, with a fringe of hairs along the cylindrical sheath located at each leaf base. The small, pink or purplish flowers are clustered together in spikes along a single inflorescence (similar to the flowers of lupine or loosestrife). **Control:** Pre-emergence or post-emergence treatment with **Callisto** (8 oz/A) should provide very good control (*okay to wait until plants are just starting to emerge, because Callisto has a short half life in the soil*), and post-emergence glyphosate products may offer some control as well. Consider hand-pulling and/or spot treatment. **Casoron** is another option in the spring or fall, but only at the lowest possible rates.

MAPLE TREE SAPLINGS (*see recommendations under the BIRCH & MAPLE TREE SAPLINGS heading*)

MARE'S TAIL (*see listing for HORSETAIL*)

MEADOWSWEET (Priority 4)

Meadowsweet is a slow spreader on cranberry beds. As such, it should be pulled out by hand or wiped during the summer: **Roundup WeatherMAX / Glyphosate products** – apply anytime meadowsweet plants are present except 30 days before harvest.

MOSESSES (*see listing for HAIR-CAP MOSS & SPHAGNUM MOSS*)

NARROW-LEAVED GOLDENROD (*see listing for GOLDENROD*)

SEDGES *continued*

<u>Spikerush:</u>	Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A
	Evital 5G	120-160 lb/A
<u>Woolgrass:</u>	Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A
	Evital 5G	120-160 lb/A
<u>Cottongrass:</u>	Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A
<u>Needlegrass:</u>	Casoron 4G	up to 100 lb/A
	Evital 5G	80-120 lb/A (Spring)
	Evital 5G	120-160 lb/A (Fall)

It is possible that Callisto would give some partial control of any or all of these four sedges, even though none of them are listed on the label.

SMARTWEED (*see* LADYSTHUMB)

SMALL-FLOWERED WHITE ASTER (*see* ASTERS)

SPIKERUSH (*see* SEDGES)

SPURGE (*see* PROSTRATE AND SPOTTED SPURGE)

SWAMP CANDLES (*see* YELLOW LOOSESTRIFE)

THYME-LEAVED SPEEDWELL (Priority 3)

This is a creeping plant that has clusters of white or pale blue flowers (4-lobed, about 1/8" wide) with darker stripes on the petals. 3 of the 4 petals are rounded, with the lowest one a bit narrower. The plant forms mats along the ground, and spreads both by seed and underground rhizomes that produce new stems. The mostly opposite leaves are 1/4-1/2" long, minutely-toothed, egg-shaped or sometimes more rounded/ovate. **Control:** Mostly occurs in bare patches, so controlling this weed can be a challenge in new plantings. Refer to the control section for PROSTRATE SPURGE as that plant is very similar to speedwell in its growth habit.

VETCH (*see recommendations under the* CLOVER AND VETCH *heading*)

YELLOW LOOSESTRIFE (Priority 1 to 2)

This plant causes moderate yield reductions in Massachusetts and Maine, and may be worse than that for a few beds in Maine where it has been very difficult to control. It may serve as an early-season host for dodder, and its tips are attractive to *Sparganothis* fruitworm larvae, perhaps providing them some additional refuge. **Control:** Preemergence herbicide application should be made in the spring. Loosestrife may be wiped with glyphosate (RoundUp WeatherMAX) during the season, anytime weeds are present except 30 days before harvest. Spot-treatment with **Callisto** on an annual basis is thought to be one way of achieving permanent control of this weed! Spring or Fall applications of **Casoron** (up to 100 lb/A) may also offer *some* control. Since it is very difficult to control, efforts should begin while patches are still small and before they have a chance to spread. Stinger is reported to *not* be effective at controlling loosestrife.

WEED MANAGEMENT OUTSIDE THE CRANBERRY BED

Aquatic Weeds:

Diquat Reward	1-2 gallons per surface acre	Use during summer months. Water use is restricted for various time periods depending on the product and the pattern of use. CHECK THE LABEL! Use only on <u>still water</u> areas outside of the bed (farm ponds and reservoirs). DO NOT USE IN OR ON BED DITCHES.
Rodeo	1.25% solution	Apply during the summer months. Rodeo is registered for use on non-cropland only. Use in interior ditches is not permissible. Recommended spray solution: 5 oz/3 gallons. <u>Add a nonionic surfactant</u> at the rate of 0.25-0.50% volume basis (1-2 oz or 2-4 Tbsp in 3 gal.).

Woody Perennials (NON-BED USE ONLY):

Crossbow	up to 2 gallons/A	Mix with enough water to deliver 10-30 gal/A. Application rates may vary. READ THE LABEL!
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DITCH MANAGEMENT

WOODY AND BROADLEAF PERENNIALS ON DIKES (BED/BOG-SIDE)

Cultural controls include mowing the ditch and dike areas during the summer months. Some areas may need to be mowed more than once. Hand-pulling is most beneficial in the spring and early summer when the soil is moist and the plants are fairly small. Controlling weeds on the dikes may be useful in reducing the spread of these weeds onto the beds.

DITCH WEEDS (*i.e., Arrowhead, Pickerelweed, Pond lilies, Bur-reed, Duckweed*)

Clean ditches by hand or mechanically preferably twice a year. Draining ditches can sometimes be helpful in killing some aquatic weeds (*e.g., duckweed*). Preemergence herbicides registered for use on the bed may **NOT** be used in the ditches for weed control.

RoundUp WeatherMAX Use as a *wipe* or a *spray* during the summer months in dry ditches.

Use a 1-1.5% solution on a volume-to-volume dilution. Spray to just wet vegetation, not to run-off. Ditches must be kept dry at least 2 days after application.

Mode of Action of Herbicides in Cranberry Production

2008 Update

Herbicide	Mode of Action	Kow (Density)	Solubility	Vapor Pressure
Callisto	Pigment inhibitor	1.2 g/ml	160 mg/liter @ 68°F (20°C), pH 2.4-2.8	$<4.3 \times 10^{-8}$ mmHg @ 68°F
Casoron or Norosac	Cell wall biosynthesis inhibitor	500	21 mg/liter @ 25°C, pH 7	5.5×10^{-4} mmHg @ 20°C
Crossbow	Growth regulator (synthetic auxin)	VAP DENSITY: 4.7 (kerosene)	2 parts to Crossbow: Part A dissolves in water, 2790 ppm @ 25°C, pH 7; Part B is miscible	0.1 mm @ 37.8°C (kerosene)
Devrinol	Thought to block cell division in gap phases of mitosis	2300 @ 25°C	73 mg/l @ 20°C	4×10^{-6} mmHg @ 25°C
Evital	Pigment inhibitor	280	28 mg/l	2×10^{-8} mmHg @ 20°C
Fusilade	Thought to be a lipid biosynthesis inhibitor; May be involved in disrupting cell membrane function	1200 @ pH 2.6 0.8 @ pH 7	1.1 mg/l	2.5×10^{-7} mmHg @ 20°C
Poast	Lipid biosynthesis inhibitor	45.1 @ pH 7	257 mg/l pH 5 4390 mg/l pH 7	1.6×10^{-7} mmHg @ 25°C
Princep	Photosynthetic inhibitor (PS II); stops flow of electrons by site competition	122 @ 25°C	6.2 mg/l @ 22°C	6.1×10^{-9} mmHg @ 20°C
Roundup	Inhibits synthesis of amino acids	0.0006- 0.0017	15,700 mg/l @ pH 7	3×10^{-7} mmHg @ 25°C (salt)
Select	Thought to be a lipid biosynthesis inhibitor; may be involved in disrupting cell membrane function	15,000	N/A	$<10^{-8}$ mmHg @ 20°C
Stinger	Growth regulator; thought to affect cell wall plasticity and nucleic acid synthesis (synthetic auxin)	64.6 @ pH 5 427 @ pH 7	N/A	1.3×10^{-6} mmHg @ 25°C

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NOTES ON THE USE OF COMMON HERBICIDES

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CALLISTO (mesotrione). This is a pigment inhibitor (bleaching type) herbicide used heretofore in corn, but which got a Supplemental Label in 2008 for use in cranberry, blueberry, lingonberry, and a few other crops as well. Susceptible plants are bleached, followed by necrosis in 3-5 days. Cranberry is one of the few plants that can highly metabolize Callisto's active ingredient, mesotrione, so even when some bleaching of cranberry takes place (and generally only at higher than labeled rates would one expect to see it), the vines recover within a few weeks. Mesotrione is derived from a family of plants in the *Callistemon* (bottlebrush) genus that produce the chemical naturally. When applied to plants, it is absorbed by roots, stems and leaves, and is quickly translocated throughout the plant, with 88% of the applied herbicide being absorbed within 3 hours, so there is little dry-time needed. Callisto has pre and post-emergent activity against a very wide range of species. Its half life in soil is 5 to 15 days. There is little runoff or soil mobility (so no leaching), and there is no hazard to wildlife, but because of the recommended addition of a surfactant, it is toxic to bees at that point so should not be applied during bloom. Some surfactants have also been suspected in causing blossom damage and consequently, reduced fruit set. For more information on Callisto and its use, visit: www.umaine.edu/umext/cranberries/callisto.htm

CASORON (Dichlobenil). Applications of Casoron are most effective when applied as close to the time of weed germination or emergence as possible. Since Casoron volatilizes quickly, it must be washed in by irrigation or rainfall ASAP after application. Apply pre-budbreak or post-harvest. Avoid applying during warm temperatures (>60°F). Application just prior to sanding or on weak or new vines may cause injury. Applications on top of sand or late applications can be made, but must be watered in *immediately*.

Multiple applications of Casoron may be made as needed. Allow an interval of 3-6 wks between appls. Do not exceed 100 lb/A in any 12-month period. Single doses of high rates may be needed to control some perennial weeds. However, some weeds are not controlled by Casoron at any rate due to their deep root systems. Plants with weakened root systems are more susceptible to stresses such as drought and may become more stressed with herbicide application. Some vine injury may occur from herbicide applications made in areas with puddles.

Distribute Casoron uniformly. Avoid overlapping. Temporary reddening of vines may occur especially with late spring application or when applied on sandy beds. Do not apply after bud elongation as yields may be reduced. Do not apply to young beds (less than 3 yrs old) or on beds prior to or immediately after mowing vines. Do not sand (Spring or Fall) on top of a Casoron application. Casoron is labeled for application in the Fall prior to ice sanding or afterwards in the Spring. The efficacy of Fall applications for many weeds has not been documented, but growers in other states have reported good success in some cases.

COPPER SULFATE and COPPER COMPLEXES (Algae-Pro, Cutrine-Plus). Copper sulfate may be used to control algal growth on winter floods or late water (pp 45-47) floods. Cutrine-Plus and Algae-Pro work best when water temperatures are warm (~ 60°F). These copper-complex products are formulated to last longer than copper sulfate in hard water (carbonates present) and they work best when applied under calm and sunny conditions. When beds are treated with copper sulfate in the winter, water should be impounded for one week. Do not apply to water except as directed on the label. These products are toxic to fish.

CROSSBOW (2,4-D). Crossbow is labeled for **non-bog use only**. Be cautious! Crossbow contains trichlopyr for which there is NO FOOD TOLERANCE. Do not use Crossbow on dikes or canal banks. Use it only on weeds located far away from the bog. This product has considerable potential to evaporate and cause crop injury. Avoid applying 2,4-D on hot, sunny, and humid days when there is little air movement. 2,4-D products can be highly effective at controlling some weeds. However, the potential for significant vine injury may outweigh the advantages of using these materials.

DEVRIKOL (Napropamide). Devrinol 50DF is now the only Devrinol product being manufactured. It is available for use on Maine cranberries as a 24c Special Local Needs label. Unlike the older 10G formulation, the 50DF can be injected through the irrigation system. Both Massachusetts and Maine growers who have used it

report good control from it. Be sure to get the supplemental label, which is available online as well as at the point of purchase. When using the material, be careful that your irrigation coverage does not reach the banks of your ditches if you are attempting to get grass established on them.

Do not exceed 6 lbs/A of 50DF on new plantings. On established beds, this herbicide provides some control of grassy weeds and annual broadleaf plants at higher rates (12-18 lb/A of 50DF for peat beds; 8-12 lb/A of 50DF for mineral soils), but it works best on weed-free areas. For best results, water in immediately. Use the appropriate rate for the age of the bed. Devrinol can be used under *or* on top of sand.

DIQUAT. This herbicide should only be used on water weeds growing in areas OUTSIDE OF THE BED. Do not use in any ditch associated with the production area. Diquat will control water weeds such as bladderwort, coontail, elodea, and pondweeds. A non-ionic surfactant (e.g. X-77) may improve performance. Check the label for rate information.

EVITAL (Norflurazon). Vine injury may occur in areas where water stands several days after flooding or heavy rains. Be very conservative when applying Evital to new plantings! Vines have shown severe phytotoxicity to rates as low as 25 lb/A when applied 3-4 weeks after planting. Do not apply more than 80 lb/A on newly planted bogs. Do not apply more than 160 lb/A per season on an established bog. Use lower rates on stressed vines or sensitive cultivars such as Stevens and McFarlin. Growers have reported good results with low rates (50-75 lb/A) for Fall applications on these varieties; Spring applications should not exceed 60 lb/A. Sanding can be done on top of an Evital application, but it is not recommended especially on bogs that have drainage problems. Sanding after applications of 50 lb/A or less has given good results. In 2006, Massachusetts growers were testing if Evital could be safely applied on top of sanded vines. Update: those growers have reported that applications of Evital at 50-60/A or less, on top of sanded vines, *do in fact* work safely and adequately on top of *healthy*, well-drained beds.

FUMIGANTS. Basamid (dazomet) and Vapam (metam-sodium) are soil fumigants that can be used on beds scheduled for renovation. **DO NOT USE FUMIGANTS AS A SPOT-TREATMENT IF ANY VINES WITHIN A DIKED SECTION WILL BE HARVESTED.** If you are renovating an entire section, a portion of that section can be spot-treated with a fumigant.

IRON SULFATE. May be spread as a broadcast application through conventional fertilizer rigs, such as hand cranks. Traditional use has been with a 20% ferrous sulfate (fine powder) product, but other formulations are available. Application rates *in this guide* are for the 20% a.i. product. Adjust accordingly if using another percent active ingredient. Iron sulfate at rates exceeding 1.1 oz/sq. ft (20% a.i. product) may kill vines if they have been sanded within the past 18 months. Do not use on new beds. To be most effective, rain should follow within 4 days of an iron sulfate application or the bed should be irrigated. When a 9:1 iron sulfate to salt combination is used, rain or sprinkling is not necessary.

POAST (Sethoxydim). This herbicide effectively controls emerged annual and some perennial *true grasses*. Sedges are not controlled. It may be used on bearing and non-bearing beds. There is a 60-day PHI on bearing beds. Do not apply more than 5 pints of product per season. Allow a minimum of 14 days between repeat applications. Phytotoxicity may result if the herbicide is applied during the heat of the day or during bloom. Application during cool periods of the day, but after dew has dried, is preferable.

Efficacy is enhanced by addition of crop oil concentrate or Dash HC, and either adjuvant should always be used. Other adjuvants may reduce efficacy or increase crop injury. Since crop oil concentrate or Dash HC can be mildly phytotoxic, Poast should not be applied during periods of crop stress or during flowering. Poast should not be mixed with other chemicals, particularly chemicals whose label warns against inclusion of an adjuvant.

Poast must be absorbed into the grass to be effective. Therefore, do not apply Poast if rainfall or irrigation is expected within one hour of application. Poast should be applied when grasses have 6 to 8 leaves to provide enough leaf surface for absorption. Apply Poast to grasses that are actively growing and free of stresses such as drought, disease, or mechanical injury. **POAST CANNOT BE APPLIED THROUGH THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM!** Spot treatments with small sprayers are effective. **For one gallon Poast solution, mix 2 oz of Poast with 0.6 oz of Dash HC (or 1.3 oz of crop oil concentrate) in 1 gallon water.** Thoroughly wet the grass foliage, but do not let the solution run off the leaves.

Broadcast Application: Use standard high-pressure hollow cone or flat fan nozzles only. Use 5-20 gal of spray solution per acre at 40-60 psi. Inadequate coverage of grasses due to heavy cranberry canopy may reduce control. Do not use recirculating sprays, wiper applicators or shielded applicators. Use of Poast with control drop application is not recommended due to erratic coverage. *Aerial Application (if applicable):* Do not apply if wind speed is greater than 10 mph.

PRINCEP (Simazine). The Caliber 90 and Princep 4L formulations must be sprayed evenly with continuous agitation. The manufacturer has voluntarily canceled the label for Princep 80W. It is legal to apply this formulation, but no additional product will be marketed. Application through the sprinkler systems is not allowed. High rates may injure vines or crop. Thin or weak vines and new plantings one week to three years old are very susceptible to injury. However, Princep 80W applied within the first 7 days of planting may offer some weed control. May be used safely in successive years. The granular herbicide is most effective if rainfall occurs or irrigation is used within 4 days of application. Fall applications are not recommended.

RODEO. This glyphosate product can only be used to control weeds that occur in dry ditches and canals outside of the production area. Application is spray to wet leaf surfaces, not to runoff. Extremely cool or cloudy weather following application may slow the activity of this herbicide. Best control is obtained when plants are at late growth stages approaching maturity. Weeds under stress will not be controlled as well as healthy plants. Rainfall within 6 hours of application may reduce effectiveness and heavy rainfall within 2 hours of application may necessitate re-application. Do not add ammonium sulfate to Rodeo mixtures.

ROUNDUP (Glyphosate). Many RoundUp (e.g., RoundUp Ultra, RoundUp WeatherMAX) and glyphosate products are available on the market. Please read the label of any product you are using to ensure compliance. This product may be applied on beds, by wiper or clipper, during the growing season. If you are using RoundUp Ultra, you will need supplemental labels for dry ditch and postharvest sprays. If you are using WeatherMAX, these spray uses are incorporated into the label and additional labels are not needed. WeatherMAX is slightly more concentrated than Ultra, so keep that in mind when preparing solutions. Use 1%-1.5% solutions (2.5-3.8 TBL or 38-57 ml/gal) for dry ditch applications and 0.4%-0.7% solutions (~3.0-5.5 tsp or 15-27 ml/gal) for postharvest sprays. Recent research indicates that Howes may be slightly more sensitive to postharvest spray injury than Early Black.

Grower Tips: *Glyphosate binds very readily with soil particles, so if weeds are coated with a layer of dirt or dust, the product will be less apt to contact the actual foliage.* It is not necessary to mix Roundup Ultra or WeatherMAX with any additional surfactants or additives (as with older glyphosate products). Add a dye to track leaf coverage. Technical information indicates that ammonium sulfate may improve uptake of these RoundUp products when moderate to large amounts of carbonates ('hard water') are present in water. RoundUp WeatherMAX is rainfast 1-2 hours after application. Available glyphosate products vary as to whether they carry a 'Caution' label or 'Warning' label. Look at the label!! When using RoundUp, protective eyewear is not mandated; the REI for WeatherMAX is 4 hours. Thorough coverage is essential to maximize control of perennial weeds. Do not touch or allow the material to drip onto vines. **Apply any time weeds are present except after 30 days before harvest.** Make herbicide mixtures fresh each day for maximum effectiveness. Do not store in galvanized containers.

Roundup Products	Mix 1 part glyphosate with 4-9 parts water (10-20% solutions). No additional additives, buffers, or surfactants are needed. However, the addition of ammonium sulfate may sometimes improve performance.
+ A marker dye	Such as Blazon Blue. Add according to manufacturer's recommendations.
Glyphosate products	Mix 1 part glyphosate with 4-9 parts water (10-20% solutions).
+ Surfactant	1 oz (2 tablespoons) per gallon of glyphosate mixture.
+ Ammonium sulfate	3 oz (6 tablespoons) per gallon of glyphosate mixture.
+ A marker dye	Add according to manufacturer's recommendations.

OTHER GLYPHOSATE PRODUCTS. Glyphosate is sold under several product names. CHECK THE LABEL! To enhance control with glyphosate products other than Roundup WeatherMAX, add a nonionic surfactant (i.e., X-77) and ammonium sulfate (see rates above). Other label differences include: Do not apply if rainfall is expected within 6 hours of application. Do not irrigate within 6 hours of application. The REI is 12 hours for these products. Note also that glyphosate products other than Roundup WeatherMAX may carry a 'Warning' label, instead of a 'Caution' label. Always use a dye to track your coverage with any wipe product. Check the label for appropriate protective clothing.

Clipper Applicators (RoundUp only). Concentrations of 50-100% RoundUp have worked well. The herbicide should flow out consistently, but not so fast that herbicide drips from the blades. Be sure to use a dye. Clip weeds close to the ground, without contacting the vines. RoundUp must contact the stem as you are cutting! 'Clip and dab' or 'mow and wipe' techniques may have reduced efficacy as the herbicide is not applied

simultaneously with the cut. Late-season treatments give better results than early-season treatments. The effectiveness of post-harvest treatments with clippers is not known. Be sure to clean the blades after use to prevent corrosion. Availability of commercial clippers has become more scarce over the past few years. Growers may need to manufacture their own clippers.

General Wiping Tips. Use a small sponge or applicator that permits excellent coverage with minimal dripping. Adequate coverage of each stalk must be obtained. Several leaves (at least 50%) on each stalk must be treated with the herbicide. Repeat applications to remaining plants the following year. Be patient. Most treatments will not give 100% control in the first year. Applications in subsequent years should be less time-consuming.

Hand-wipe Technique for Controlling Dewberries or Other Prostrate Weeds. Application by hand with sponges or specially designed applicators may be necessary with low-growing weeds (e.g., bristly dewberry, poison ivy). Repeat applications within a season are legal and may be necessary, especially for well-established perennial weeds. Poor growing conditions such as drought stress, disease, or insect damage may reduce effectiveness. Avoid touching or dripping material onto cranberry plants during application.

SUPPLEMENTAL LABEL USES. Supplemental labels are needed only if you are using Ultra for post-harvest sprays (0.5%-1%), applied as a spot-treatment, or sprays in dry ditches (1%-2%); these uses are permitted under regular labeling for WeatherMAX. These labels can be obtained at a local ag supplier.

SALT. Salt (sodium chloride) may be used as a spot-treatment for control of certain weeds (e.g., wild bean, rushes). Judicious applications do not inhibit re-colonization of cranberry vines once the weed dies. Do not use during bloom. Use of calcium chloride or other types of salts is not recommended. Salt is corrosive to machinery. Be sure to wash equipment thoroughly after application.

SELECT (clethodim). Similar to Poast with regards to target species, timings, and applicators. Note these differences. Apply when weeds are 2-4 inches high and actively growing. Use of crop oil concentrate is recommended with Select. For a 1-gal mixture, use 0.4 oz Select with 1.3 oz COC. Select has a 30-day PHI. Do not apply more than 8 oz per application per acre. Do not exceed 32 oz/acre per season. Allow 14 days between applications. You can use 3-10 gallons water with aerial applications, 10-30 gal/A otherwise.

STINGER (clopyralid). *See also [Using Stinger on Maine Cranberry Beds](#) Fact Sheet posted on the UMaine Cooperative Extension's cranberry website.* Stinger is a selective, postemergence herbicide used to control: wild bean, narrow-leaved goldenrod (NLGR), asters, clover, ragweed, pitchfork (and other members of the Composite family), and certain other weeds within the treated area. Massachusetts growers have reported effective control (and reduced vine injury) when using lower rates than recommended on the label. In at least one case in Maine, this was not the case: the target weeds—primarily clover—were merely suppressed and the grower felt a higher rate would have been better.

Apply Stinger when weeds are actively growing. It is best to apply it when vines are dormant, if possible. For weeds that emerge late (goldenrod, groundnut, etc.), wait until after fruit set to apply. It is not recommended to apply Stinger when vines are going through active growth spurts (e.g. budbreak-roughneck stage). Stinger has a 50-day PHI. Stinger may be applied as a wipe or as a spray. Spray to just wet the weeds, but not to run-off. **BE VERY CAREFUL!** Overspray can cause injury that may take 1-3 years for full vine recovery. Minimize drift when applying as a spray. Results may be slow to show, so be patient. Two apps per season are permitted, not to exceed a total of 1 pint per acre. Stinger cannot be applied by air or through the irrigation system.

SULFUR. Determine soil pH in the weedy area prior to sulfur application. If pH is 5.0 or above, use two apps of 500 lb/A each (or 4 apps of 250 lb/A) to reach 1,000 lb. of elemental sulfur per season. Begin application in late Spring when soil is drained and frost protection is over. Most growers allow 3-6 weeks between apps. Do not apply sulfur to puddles or waterlogged areas as resultant production of hydrogen sulfide can cause severe vine toxicity. Changes in pH can be very slow. Granular applications may take up to 9 months to reduce pH enough to affect weed populations. The smaller the sulfur pellet size, the faster the pH is lowered. Use pelletized sulfurs only. Do not use flours of sulfur; they can be phytotoxic and are difficult to apply. Do not use potassium sulfate. Yearly sulfur applications may be needed as the pH can creep up in subsequent years. Test soil pH yearly to determine the effectiveness of sulfur applications. The effect of lowered pH on control of cinquefoil is moderate. Eye protection and dust masks are recommended when making sulfur applications.