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Massachusetts Agriculture

Full of Food, Farmers & Fun!

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Clams

Massachusetts is the **largest** clam producing state in the nation.

MA harvests **19+ MILLION pounds** of clams each year.

Clams are **filter feeders** which is an animal that strains their surrounding waters of particles and debris.

Clams are **burrowing** mollusks that live in either **marine** or **freshwater**.

15,000+ species of clams found worldwide.

The clams found in Massachusetts are **marine** clams.

Most clam shells are only **1 - 2 inches** wide.

A small clam can filter **4 - 5 gallons** of water per day.

Scientists can tell how old a clam is by counting the **rings on its shell**.

Pearls are very rare to find in clams…said to only be **1 in every 5,000**!

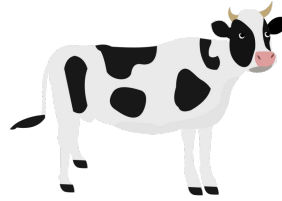Some clams can live to be over **100 years old**!

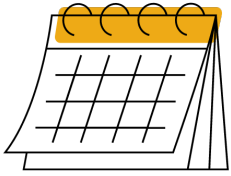Most clams spend their adult lives burrowed in **sand** or **mud**.

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Corn

Massachusetts is home to around **14,000 acres** of corn.

Most of Massachusetts' grown corn is used for **livestock feed**.

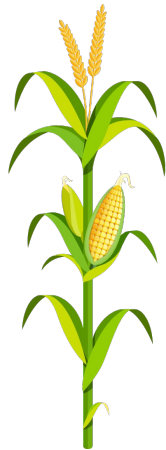**90 MILLION acres** of corn is harvested each year in the U.S.

Corn is America's **number 1** field crop.

An ear of corn **ALWAYS** has an even number of rows.

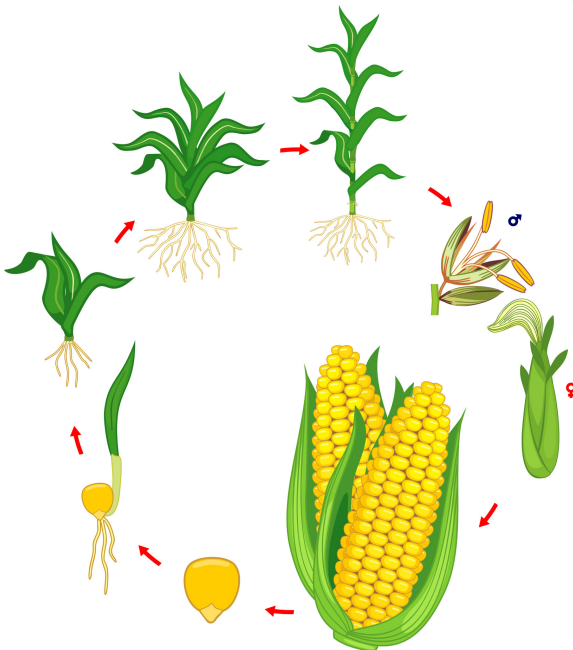Corn is considered a **vegetable, fruit** AND a **grain!**

There are around **800** kernels on each ear of corn.

Most countries outside of the United States calls corn **"maize."**

Most of the corn grown in the U.S. is grown in what is called the **"corn belt"** located in the Midwest.

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Cranberries

Cranberries are the **official state berry** of Massachusetts.

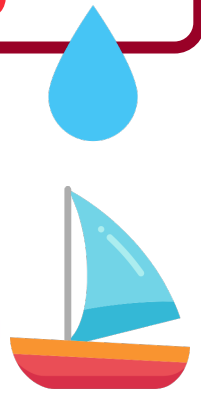Massachusetts produces **over 2 MILLION barrels** of cranberries each year.

Top **3** Cranberry Producing States:

Cranberries are one of the few fruits **native** to North America.
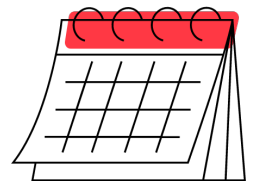
1. **Massachusetts**
2. New Jersey
3. Oregon

Cranberries are **90%** water.

5% of cranberries produced are sold fresh. The rest are turned into **juice**.

Cranberries have small air pockets that allow them to **float**.

Cranberries are typically in season from **October** to **November**.

20% of total cranberries consumed in the U.S. each year, are consumed the week of **Thanksgiving**.

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