Cranberry History

1600

1600s
Native Americans use cranberries to make pemmican, a survival cake, and to treat wounds and dye textiles.

1800s
While working on ships, American sailors ate cranberries, which are rich in Vitamin C, to prevent scurvy.

1865
Commerical cranberry production begins in Wisconsin when Edward Sacket purchased land in Berlin.

1830s
First cranberry marshes are recorded in Wisconsin, before it was even a state.

1887
Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association is founded to advance the interests of all engaged in the cranberry industry.

1953
First national crop over 1 million barrels is recorded.

2004
April 5th, 2004, Governor Doyle signs a bill naming the cranberry Wisconsin's official state fruit.

2008
Wisconsin produces 4.3 million barrels of cranberries, the largest crop ever by any state.

2009

Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association

FOUNDED 1887

www.wiscran.org