



CRANBERRIES IN THE CLASSROOM



LESSON 1: CRAZY FOR CRANBERRIES



FACT SHEET

LET'S LEARN ALL ABOUT THEM!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A CRANBERRY IS?

IT IS A SMALL, ROUND, RED FRUIT BERRY THAT GROWS ON LONG VINES.



In the United States, cranberries are grown in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Washington and Oregon.



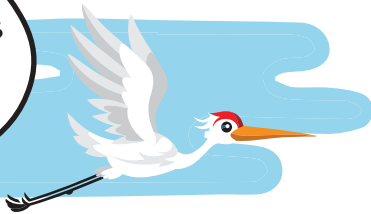
Cranberries were eaten at the first Thanksgiving in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Many families started growing cranberries MORE THAN 200 YEARS AGO.



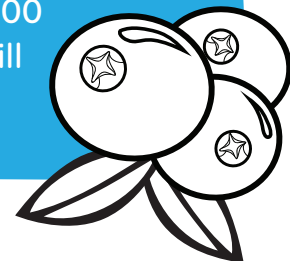
Cranberries were one of the first fruits to grow in North America. The others are blueberries and Concord (purple) grapes.

Did you know the cranberry is named after a crane?



A long time ago German and Dutch settlers thought the flower that grows on the cranberry vine looked like the head and bill of a bird called a crane. They called them "crane berries." Isn't that funny?!

Cranberries are perennial plants. That means they get planted one time and grow back every year. Some cranberry plants are more than 100 years old and still produce fruit!





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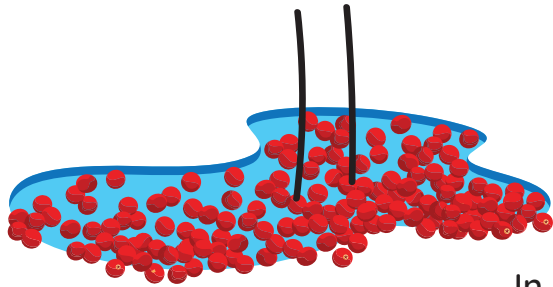
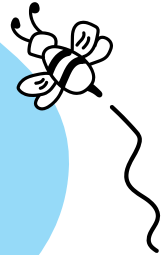
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Cranberries grow in bogs. A bog is an area of soft, marshy ground with acid peat soil, usually near wetlands. Do you have a bog near you?

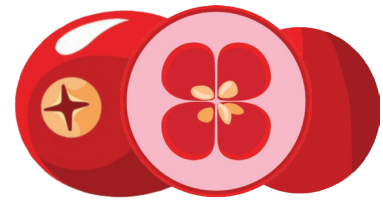
Lots of wildlife, like frogs, turtles, fox, deer, and birds live in the bog area. We call them the Bog Squad.



Cranberries are harvested in the fall.



In the fall, some farmers flood their bogs with water so the cranberries float to the top and can be harvested.

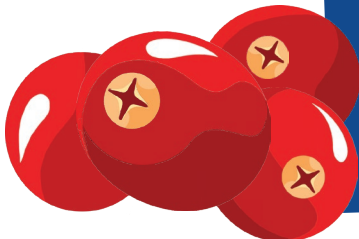


Each cranberry has four tiny air pockets inside. The pockets allow it to float on top of water.



Farmers use tractors called eggbeaters, booms and rakes to harvest cranberries. (We will learn more about this in lesson 3.)

THERE ARE ABOUT
450 CRANBERRIES IN
ONE POUND.



Cranberries are used to make more than 1,000 foods like juice, dried fruit and cranberry sauce.





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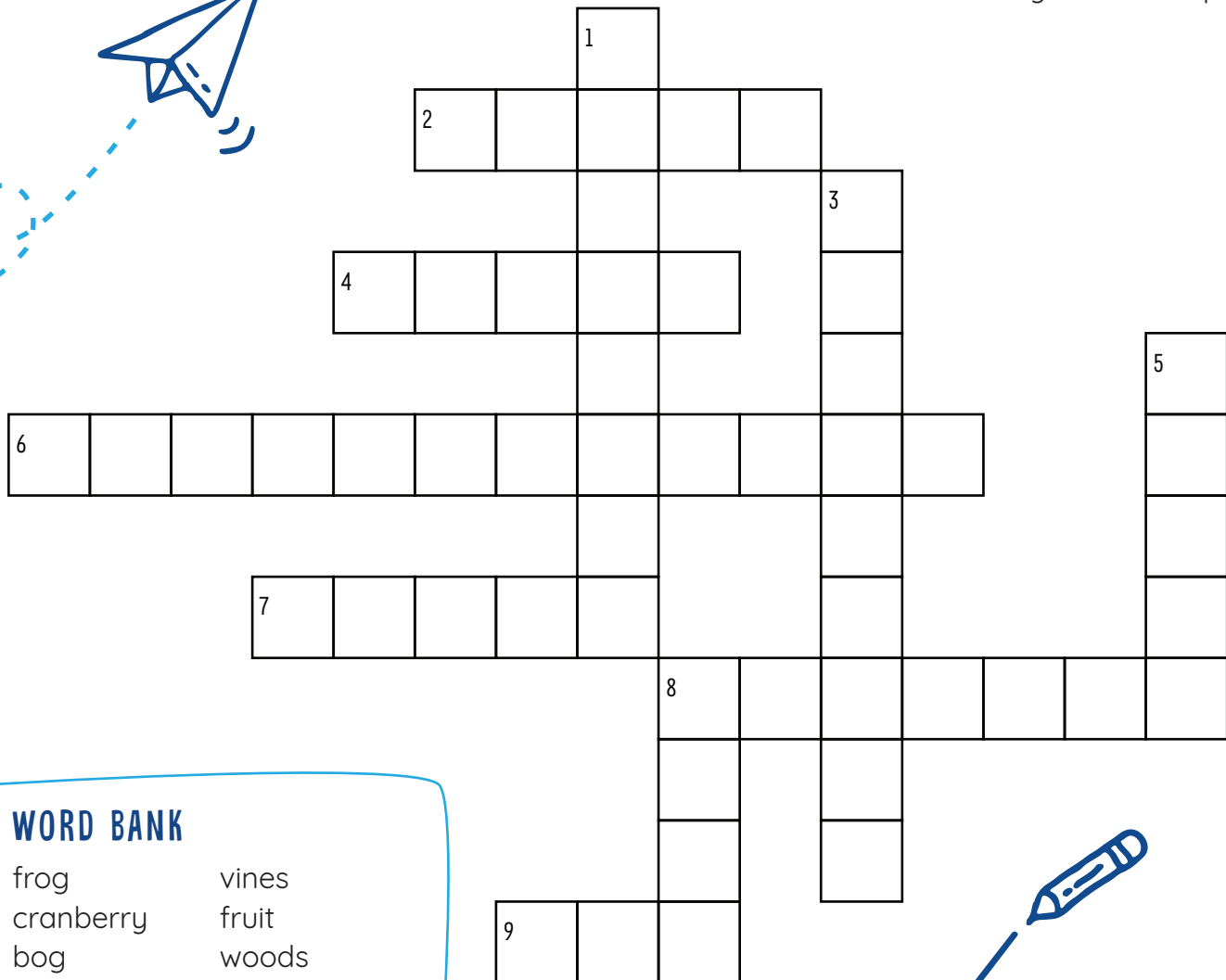


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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Use the fact sheet to do this fun cranberry crossword puzzle.



WORD BANK

- | | |
|-----------|--------------|
| frog | vines |
| cranberry | fruit |
| bog | woods |
| crane | Thanksgiving |
| farmers | families |

Down:

- Who owns cranberry farms?
- A little round red fruit.
- Cranberries grow on _____.
- This lives in the cranberry bog and likes to jump.

Across:

- Cranberries look like this bird.
- Cranberries are this food type.
- Cranberries were eaten at this holiday.
- Area around a bog.
- People who grow cranberries.
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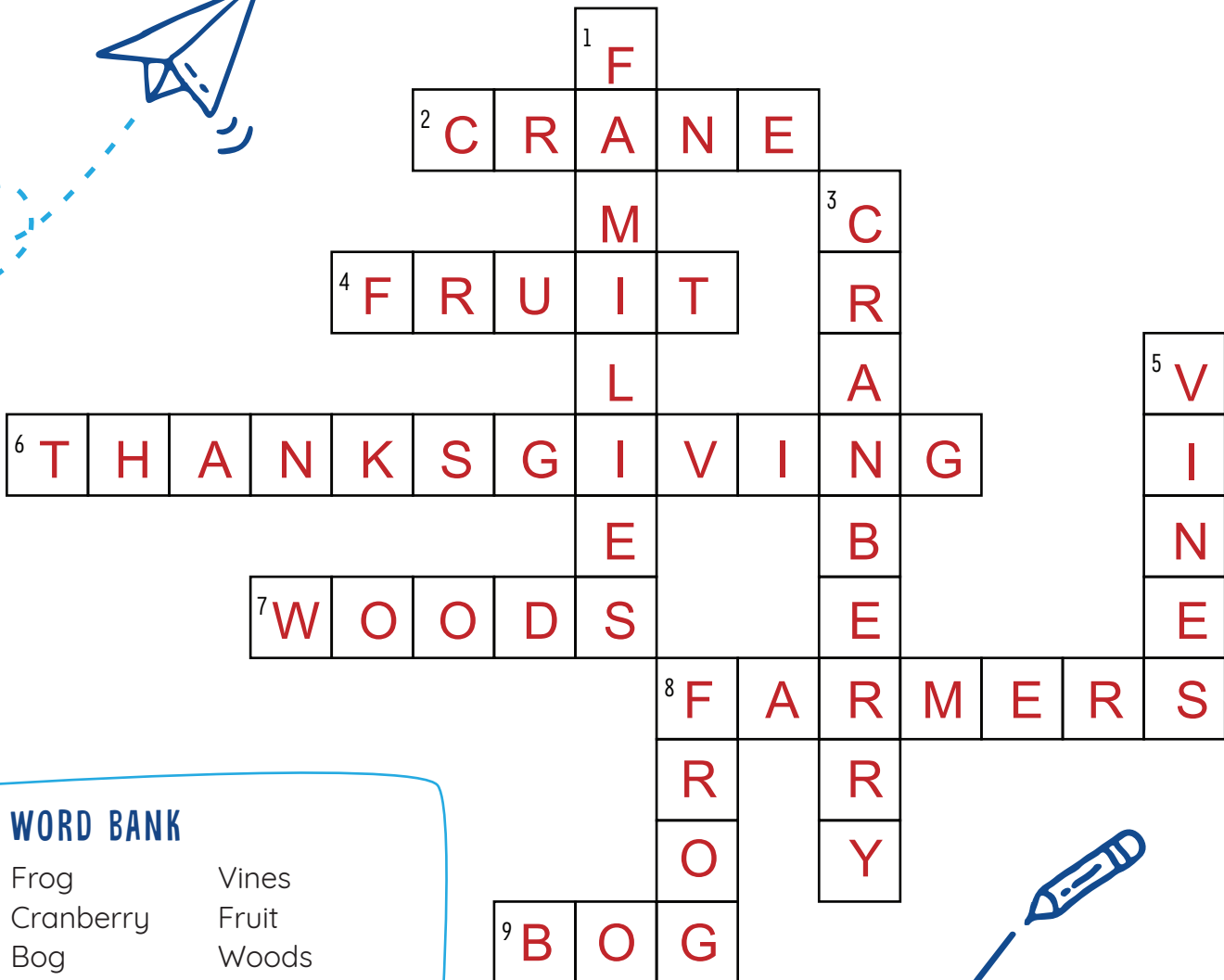
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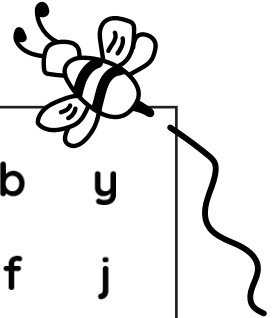
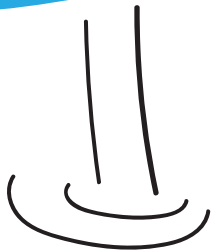


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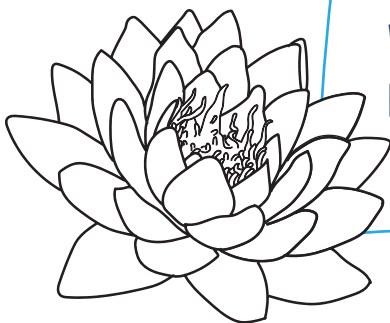
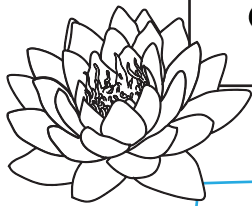


WORD SEARCH

DID YOU KNOW?
CRANBERRY PLANTS CAN
PRODUCE FRUIT FOR 100
YEARS OR MORE!



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r	a	z	g	a	z	b	t	a	u
n	r	f	g	n	f	o	l	r	i
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a	t	l	t	r	t	n	s	b	c
n	u	y	e	y	w	e	s	e	m
e	n	f	r	o	g	s	e	e	y



WORD BANK

- | | | |
|-----------|--------|-------|
| cranberry | family | bog |
| eggbeater | fruit | barn |
| wetlands | vines | crane |
| harvest | juice | sauce |
| farmer | frog | bee |



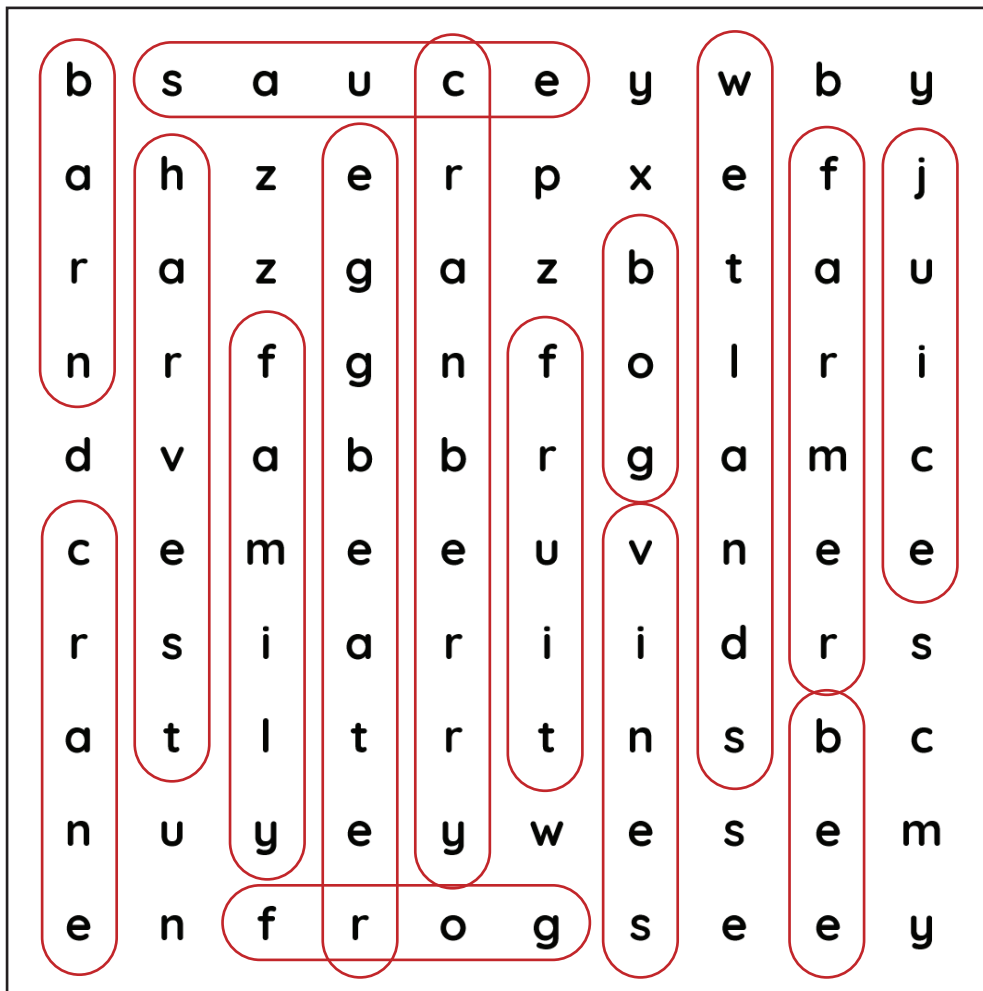
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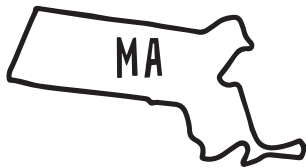
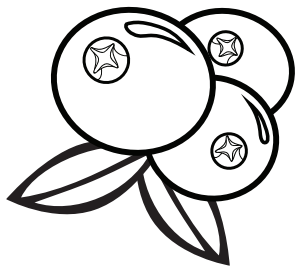
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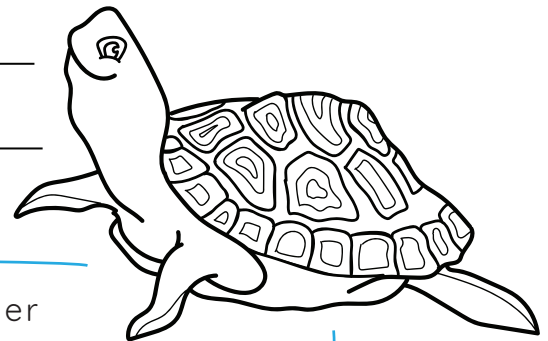
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WORD BANK

cranberry

bog

vine

Wisconsin

woodlands

Massachusetts

New Jersey

water

farmer

bounce

juice

turtle

crane

tractor



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WORD SCRAMBLE ANSWER KEY

yanrecrrb	cranberry
dswdlnood	woodlands
obg	bog
atewr	water
narce	crane
mfrera	farmer
urtlet	turtle
vnie	vine
uncbeo	bounce
uicje	juice
atrtcor	tractor
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scionniws	Wisconsin
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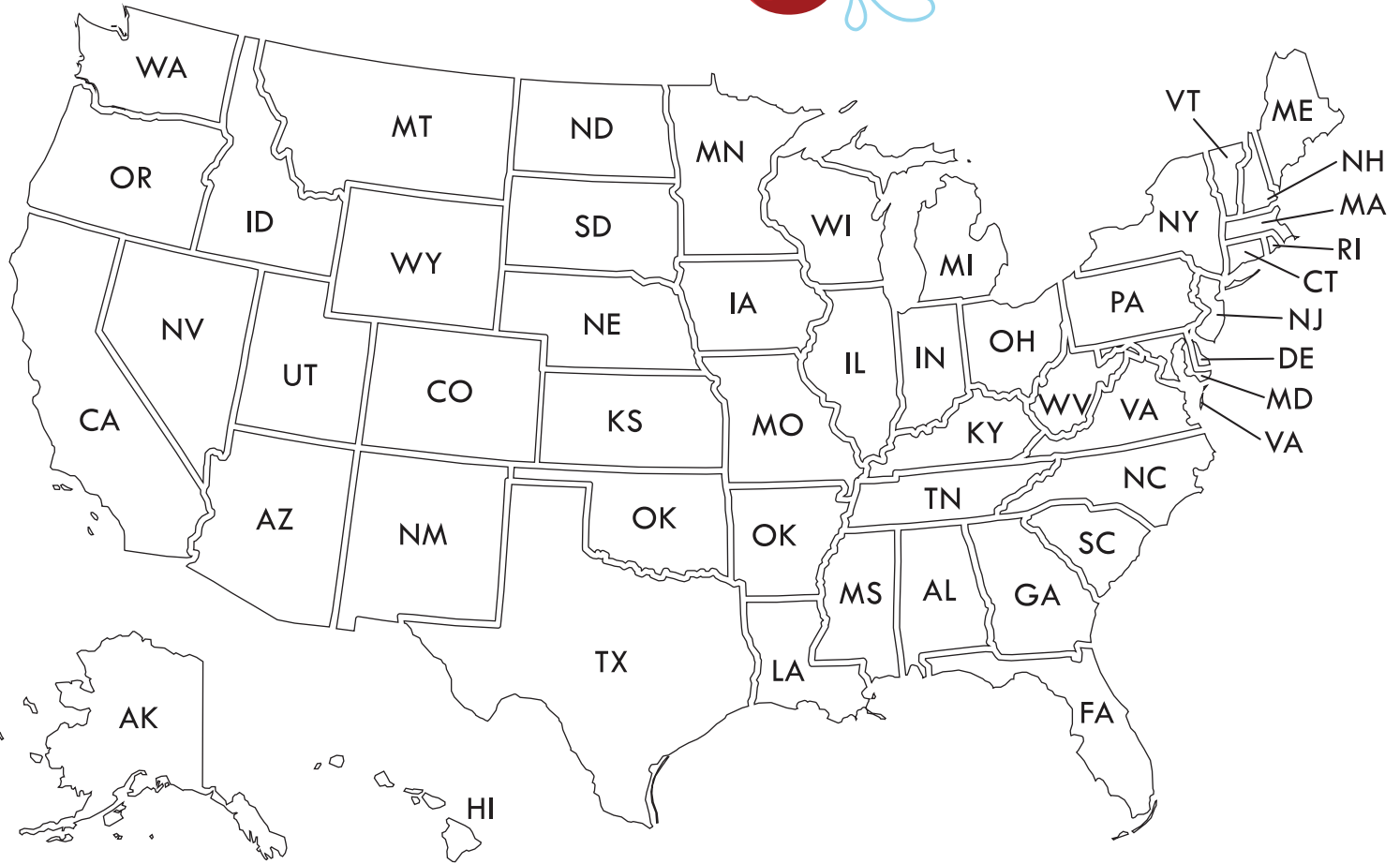
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CRANBERRY STATES



About 904 million pounds of cranberries are grown each year. Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Oregon and Washington grow cranberries that are used to make juice, dried fruit and cranberry sauce.

Wisconsin grows the most. Cranberries are the largest food crop in Massachusetts. They grow 230 million pounds each year. That's more than 100 billion cranberries every year!

[Click here](https://bit.ly/371kUqz) or visit <https://bit.ly/371kUqz> to learn more with an interactive map.



How many states grow cranberries?

What state grows the most cranberries?

How many pounds of cranberries are grown in Massachusetts each year?

Color the states red that grow cranberries



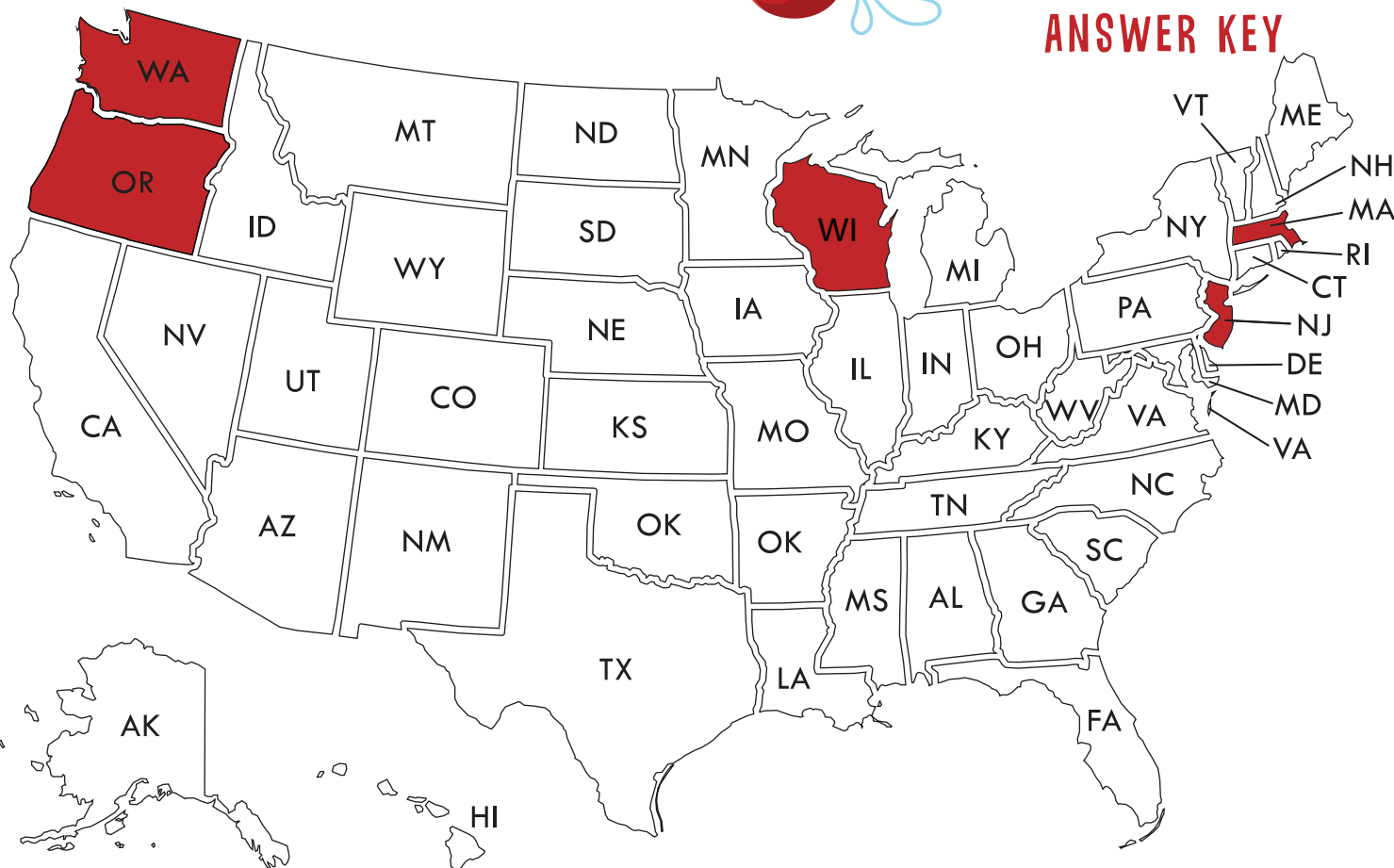
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How many states grow cranberries? **5**

What state grows the most cranberries? **Wisconsin**

How many pounds of cranberries are grown in Massachusetts each year? **230 million pounds**



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