

# Agriculture

## 1 Cranberries – What’s so special about them?



- a) Look at the first picture. On the left you can see cranberries and on the right you can see the German „Preiselbeeren“. Make notes and compare the two berries in the chart.

	cranberries	Preiselbeeren
size of berries	_____	_____
size of leaves	_____	_____
color	_____	_____
grown in	_____	_____
vitamins	_____	_____

Cranberries are a wild fruit from North America. Cranberries grow on vines in sandy areas in or near marshes. They have little air pockets in the berry. This is why cranberries ... **A**

When it's time to harvest cranberries, the marshes are often flooded with water. Then the cranberries ... **B**

So it's easy to harvest them.

Cranberries are grown in Wisconsin, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts and in Canada, too. People like to eat cranberries because the fruit has a lot of vitamin C.

There are also many recipes for cranberries. At Thanksgiving dinner you'll see cranberry sauce on the table. You should eat it with the turkey. You've probably already tried cranberry juice. If not, you should!

### NEW WORDS

<b>cranberry</b>	Cranberry
<b>berry</b>	Beere
<b>leaf, leaves</b>	Blatt, Blätter
<b>vine</b>	Rebe
<b>sandy</b>	sandig
<b>to flood</b>	fluten, überschwemmen
<b>turkey</b>	Truthahn
<b>to bounce</b>	aufprallen, hüpfen
<b>to float</b>	schweben, schwimmen

- b) Get a map of North America and find out where cranberries are grown.
- c) Complete the two sentences from the text. Put a ✓ in the right box.

<p><b>A</b> This is why cranberries ...</p> <p>a) can bounce like a ball <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) fall down like a stone <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) float in the air <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>B</b> Then the cranberries ...</p> <p>a) stay on the ground and float <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>b) come up to the middle and float <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>c) come up to the top and float <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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- d) Try out your answers in c). Were you right?  
Get a cranberry and bounce it on the ground.  
What does it do?  
Put some cranberries in water. What do they do?



- e) Look at the second picture and describe it.
- f) Do you remember the two most popular juices in Germany?  
What's the most popular juice in the UK and the USA? What do you think?

**Lösungen**

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a) Cranberries:  
1 The berries are bigger. 2 The leaves are smaller. 3 The berries are red. 4 The berries are grown in the USA and Canada.  
5 They have lots of vitamin C.

Preiselbeeren:  
1 The berries are smaller. 2 The leaves are bigger. 3 The berries are red, too. 4 The berries are grown in Europe.  
5 They also have lots of vitamin C.

Hinweis:  
color ist die amerikanische Schreibweise von britisch colour. Thanksgiving ist der Name für das amerikanische Erntedankfest, das immer am vierten Donnerstag im November gefeiert wird. Truthahn ist ein typisches Thanksgiving-Essen.

b) Individuelle Antworten  
c) A = a) B = c)  
d) siehe c)  
e) Individuelle Antworten. Mögliche Antwort: You can see an area that is flooded. The cranberries have come up to the top and they are floating. Now it's easy to harvest them.  
f) The two most popular juices in Germany are apple juice and orange juice. The most popular juice in the UK and the USA is cranberry juice.