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- ALWAYS check the tolerance at your bog. A fact sheet showing all spring tolerances is available in the fact sheet section of the Cranberry Station website. Hard copies are available at CCCGA and at the Station.
- At Rosebrook Bog and at State Bog, most buds for all varieties were at Bud Elongation stage or early Roughneck (~1/4 inch new growth). Based on research in Wisconsin, by May, one can expect all buds to have similar tolerance to those with the most advanced appearance. In other words, even buds that have not begun to elongate will exhibit the same tolerance as the elongated ones.
- At Elongation Stage, the bud begins to grow upward. When the bud is observed from above, the bud may appear cabbage-like. However, a side view shows the outward/upward expansion. Once the expansion reaches a length of ~1/4 inch, the shoot has reached the Roughneck stage.
- Once buds have reached the Elongation Stage and associated tolerance (we saw this on May 17<sup>th</sup> this year), the tolerance advances a stage after 5-7 days even if there is no visible change in appearance. This information comes from research in Massachusetts. Based on this information, all varieties have been assigned a tolerance of 29.5°F.
- Bud Elongation and Roughneck tolerance for Stevens, Ben Lear and new hybrids is 29.5°F. Bud Elongation tolerance for Early Black and Howes is 27°F; for those varieties, Roughneck tolerance is 29.5°F. Remember: once Cabbage Head Stage is reached, bud tolerance advances every 5-7 days even if appearance does not change.
- On-bog photos by Giverson Mupambi; close-ups by Carolyn DeMoranville.
- This is the final frost check for the spring season.









## Additional bud photos from State Bog May 23, 2019 All are at Elongation – Early Roughneck Stage Early Black 29.5°F Howes 29.5°F









Stevens 29.5°F





Buds have grown upwards/outwards. The bud may still resemble a cabbage from above, but a side view shows the outward growth.

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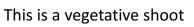
All are at Elongation - Early Roughneck Stage

Ben Lear 29.5°F













Crimson Queen 29.5°F









Mullica Queen 29.5°F