Cranberries are one of the few fruits native to North America. Cranberries grow in bogs; a bog is a low area where water becomes trapped and, over time, piles of dead plants turn into a spongy layer called peat. Cranberries are harvested in mid-October. Native American tribes from across the continent used cranberries for food, dyes, and medicine.

Nutrients found in Cranberries:
~ Cranberries contain dietary fiber, which aids in digestion.
~ Cranberry juice and raw cranberries provide an excellent source of vitamin C, which helps maintain a healthy immune system.
~ The antioxidants in cranberries may help prevent urinary tract infections.

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