## whatzit

How many clues do you need to guess what the WHATZIT is?
One to three clues – OUTSTANDING; three to five clues –
VERY GOOD; six to eight clues – TIME TO STUDY UP ON
YOUR WHATZITS.

- 1. WHATZITs are found on low, creeping shrubs or vines that thrive in conditions that would not support most other crops: acid soil, few nutrients, and low temperatures, even in summer.
- 5. Recently, WHATZITs were given the commercial status as a "superfruit" because they are packed with nutrients such as antioxidants.
- 2. Wisconsin is the leading producer of WHATZITs, with over half of U.S. production. WHATZITs are also a major commercial crop in Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington.
- 6. WHATZITs have been shown to help maintain a healthy urinary tract and can also help break down and prevent the formation of kidney stones.
- 3. WHATZITS, one of only a handful of major fruits native to North America, were used by Native Americans in medicines, dyes, and a variety of foods.
- 7. Calling the berries "Sassamanash," natives may have introduced WHATZITs to starving English settlers who incorporated the berries into the first Thanksgiving in 1621 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- 4. There are 440 WHATZITs in one pound and 4,400 in one gallon of juice. WHATZITs are available in a wide variety of forms including fresh fruit, juice, sauce, and dried.
- 8. Americans consume some 400 million pounds of WHATZITs each year. About 80 million pounds or 20 percent are gobbled up during Thanksgiving week.