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Strawberries

Strawberries are very easy to grow. There are two main types: "May bearers" and "Everbearers". May bearers provide you with one big crop in May. Everbearers provide a large crop in May, then a continuous crop up until the first frost. *Note that May bearers perform better in North Carolina than everbearing types.*

Strawberries need full sun most of the day. Place your strawberries in the garden, along a sidewalk, or in a big container or strawberry jar. You'll want to add soil conditioner, powdered lime and manure to existing soil. In spring, add Espoma **Plant~Tone** to soil (everbearers need a second helping in late summer). If you have the room, space your plants 2 feet apart. If you're short on space, plant them 12-15" apart.

Plant out dormant crowns in March or April. Set plants with the root straight down (never bent) and plant the crown just above the soil line. Soon after planting blossoms will emerge that should be pinched to encourage early runnering from the mother plant.

For berries planted in-ground, mulching in early winter (after the first freeze) prevents frost heave, and a topdressing of pine or wheat straw in spring helps keep berries clean, conserves moisture, and decreases weeds.

Strawberries have shallow roots and cannot tolerate drought-provide sufficient irrigation during dry periods. If strawberries get too dry just before harvest as fruit matures, fruit size may be affected.

