

## Strawberries 2024

**Junebearing** strawberries generally produce the largest fruit in a single, large crop during a 2 - 3 week period in the spring after a single flush of flowers and many runners. There are early, mid-season and late varieties.

**Everbearing** strawberries produce 2-3 smaller crops of fruit during the spring, summer, and fall and don't send out many runners.

**Day-Neutral** strawberries produce fruit throughout the growing season (especially during cooler weather) and don't send out many runners.

**Alpine** strawberries, *Fragaria vesca*, are relatives of wild strawberries and usually started from seed. They are day-neutral, most don't put out runners, reseed profusely, and bear fruit throughout the growing season. Alpine strawberries come in white, yellow, and red varieties. Although very small, the fruit is intensely flavorful. The leaves of alpine strawberries can be used for tea. All alpine strawberries benefit from a mulch to keep the soil cool in the heat of summer.

<b>Key to Plant Pests</b>	Gray Mold/Botrytis (GM), Leaf Spot/Leaf Scorch (LS), Powdery Mildew (PM), Red Stele/Root Rot (RS), Tarnished Plant Bug (TPB), Verticillium Wilt (V) <span style="float: right;">*Note: our strawberries are certified virus free by the company from which we buy them, but viruses can come from other sources and can be spread by aphids.</span>
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### Junebearing Cultivars

<b>AC Valley Sunset</b>	Zones 4-7. Late season. Vigorous plants produce large, round, bright red fruit with good flavor and yield.
<b>Earliglow</b>	Zones 4-8. Early Season. Firm, medium sized berries with great flavor that are aromatic and very sweet. Excellent eaten fresh, in preserves, and for freezing. Plants are very early, productive, and vigorous. Resistant to V, RS, LS; somewhat resistant to PM.
<b>Galletta</b>	Zones 4-7. Early Season. A super producer of beautiful, flavorful, aromatic, large red berries. Resistant to foliage diseases, black root rot, black vine weevil, and RS. Will grow well in heavy soil such as in many Treasure Valley gardens. Perfect eaten fresh, in preserves, and for freezing.
<b>Honeoye</b>	Zones 3-10. Early/Mid Season. Berries are large, firm, conic, bright red clear through, and great for pies. Early midseason. Excellent berry for freezing, jams and preserves. High yields; long fruiting season; very cold hardy. Grow in light (compost enriched) soils, and raised beds for best results. Resistant to TPB, tolerant of LS, GM, susceptible to V, RS.
<b>Jewel</b>	Zones 4-8. Mid Season. Very large, firm, bright red, glossy berries with exceptional flavor and aroma are delicious fresh, freeze well, and make great pies and jams. Plants are hardy, productive, and disease resistant (LS).
<b>Sparkle</b>	Zones 3-8. Mid-late Season. Medium sized berries are deep red and delicious. Use for jam, freezing, and eating fresh. Vigorous, disease resistant, and productive plants are bushier and taller than most strawberries so they look great as part of an edible landscape. Popular for over 60 years!

<b>Everbearing Cultivars</b>	
<b>Fort Laramie</b>	Zones 3-10. Large, sweet, aromatic, bright scarlet berries - one of the sweetest varieties of all. Heavy producer. Good for eating fresh, freezing and preserves. High yielding plants have exceptional cold tolerance, resistance to V, but are somewhat susceptible to PM.
<b>Ozark Beauty</b>	Zones 4-8. Deep scarlet, large, firm berries are sweet and delicioust fresh, frozen, and in jams and jellies. Hardy, robust plants make a great ground cover and produce heavily from early summer to frost.
<b>Dayneutral Cultivars (available as organic or conventional)</b>	
<b>Albion</b>	Zones 4-9. Long, conical, symmetrical fruit is attractive with dark red interior and exterior. Fruit has high sugar content and outstanding flavor. Resistant to V and phytophthora crown rot.
<b>San Andreas</b>	Zones 4-8. Bright red berries have excellent flavor. Plants are high yielding and disease resistant.
<b>Seascape</b>	Zones 4-8. Long, conical, large fruit with outstanding flavor are perfect for dipping. Plants are high yielding and good for hanging baskets. Good disease resistance: virus tolerant but somewhat susceptible to LS.
<b>Alpine Cultivars</b>	
<b>Alexandria</b>	Zones 3-11. <i>Fragaria vesca</i> , a.k.a. fraises des bois. Very small, red berries with wonderful, complex flavor and smooth texture. Hardy, adaptable plants produce no runners and maintain tidy, mounded shape growing to 6-10" high x 12" wide. Plant in partial shade and keep well watered. Excellent in containers, as a border, or as a ground cover. Open pollinated, self sows readily.
<b>Yellow Wonder</b>	Zones 4-9. Very small, pale yellow berries that are firm, sweet, and aromatic with a hint of pineapple flavor. Plants are compact (6-10" high x 12" wide) and runnerless. An added advantage: most birds are not attracted to the yellow fruit. Prefers sun or part-sun (afternoon shade is beneficial). Makes a great ground cover, border, or is beautiful in a container. Open pollinated, self sows readily.