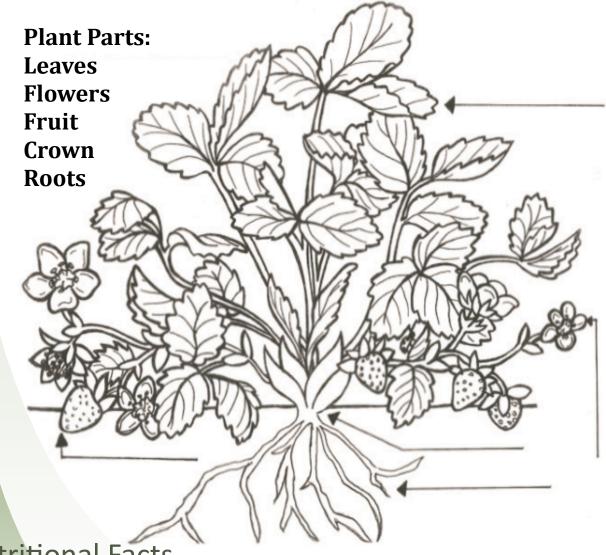
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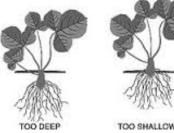


Nutritional Facts

Strawberries are low in calories (32 cal/100 g) and fats but rich source of health promoting phyto-nutrients, minerals, and vitamins that are essential for optimum health. Fresh strawberries are an excellent source of vitamin-C.

Planting:

When planting strawberries space plants apart by 18 inches. When planted in a container, 6 to 8 inches apart is sufficient. The plant root system should be under the soil however it is important to not bury the crown (see image below).





Caring for Strawberry Plants:

PH between 5.5 and 6.8 Sun minimum of eight hours daily **Fertilizer** recommended for one inch of compost yearly and vegetable food fertilizer as recommended on label.

Water 1 to 1.5 inches of water weekly. Strawberries have shallow roots and need to stay moist.

Harvesting: Strawberry plants in containers can produce berries in 3 months. Outdoor planting will depend on the variety planted. Varieties:

June-bearing: Produce fruit all at once over a three week period.

Everbearing: Bloom and set fruit throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

