

Fragaria x ananassa 'Sparkle' (Junebearing Strawberry)

Junebearing Strawberry 'Sparkle', Strawberry 'Sparkle'



One of the heirloom strawberry varieties, *Fragaria x ananassa* 'Sparkle' (Junebearing Strawberry) is a late season cultivar producing medium-sized, sweet, bright red berries, which are flavorful. It is widely regarded the best strawberry variety for making jam. Five-petaled white flowers adorned with yellow centers appear in early spring and give way to large red berries which ripen around the month of June, hence the name. Tremendously popular, Junebearers produce the largest strawberries, and do so over a period of 2-3 weeks. Excellent choice for gardeners in northern climates. A vigorous plant with good disease resistance. May remain evergreen in frost-free areas.

A strawberry patch is ravishing with its small mounds of fresh, green, pleated leaves which hide dangling, ruby-red fruits begging to be picked and enjoyed. This Junebearing Strawberry can be successfully grown in a container too. Excellent for pie, fresh eating and jams.

Strawberry varieties are classified into Early Season, Midseason, and Late Season. By selecting strawberry plant varieties that produce during different parts of the season, you can prolong your harvest and enjoy fresh strawberries for an extended period of time.

Grows up to 6-12 in. tall (15-30 cm) and 10-14 in. wide (25-35 cm).

A **full sun** lover, this plant is best grown in **fertile, moist, well-drained soils**. Plant in single or double rows 18-24 in. between plants (45-60cm) and 36-48 in. between rows (90-120cm).

Strawberries are susceptible to quite a few issues such as foliage diseases, root rots (red stele, black root rot), fruit rots (anthracnose, leather rot), verticillium wilt, gray mold, viruses and scorch. Tarnished plant bug, mites, aphids, leafrollers, slugs, nematodes and strawberry weevils are occasional insect pests.

Propagation: Remove and transplant runners.

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Requirements

Hardiness	4 - 8
Heat Zones	1 - 8
Climate Zones	1, 1A, 1B, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, A1, A2, A3, H1, H2
Plant Type	Fruits
Plant Family	Rosaceae
Genus	Fragaria
Common names	Strawberry
Exposure	Full Sun
Season of Interest	Spring (Late) Summer (Early)
Height	6" - 1' (15cm - 30cm)
Spread	10" - 2' (25cm - 60cm)
Spacing	18" - 24" (50cm - 60cm)
Maintenance	High
Water Needs	Average
Soil Type	Loam
Soil pH	Neutral
Soil Drainage	Moist but Well-Drained
Characteristics	Semi-Evergreen, Fruit & Berries