



# Strawberries

**Plant:** Strawberries should be planted in the late Fall or early Spring. They should be planted 18" away from other plants and 18" away from another row. The best way to plant strawberries is in rows or mounds. The crown of the plant should be set above the soil level, and the uppermost roots should be 1/4" below the soil level.

**Grow:** Strawberries are perennial, grow best in full sunshine, and are winter-tolerant. They should be given a complete plant fertilizer. A mulch of sawdust, grass clippings, or plastic sheeting should be added to prevent weeds and keep in moisture.

Harvest: After the flowers bloom, it takes about 1 month until the berries are ready for picking. Strawberries are ready for harvesting if they are a full, bright red color. They do not ripen further after picking, so always look for the best ones! The plants are generally replaced every year, since it produces the most fruit its first year of growth, however they may produce for up to 2-3 years.

Amount Per S Calories 46	erving		Calories from	n Fat
			% Daily	Value
Total Fat 0g				19
Saturated Fat 0g				0%
Trans Fat (	)g			
Cholesterol 0g				09
Sodium 1mg				09
Total Carbohydrate 11g			)	49
Dietary Fiber 3g				12
Sugars 7g	)			
Protein 1g				
Vitamin A	0%	٠	Vitamin C	141
Calcium	2%	٠	Iron	3

### Nutritional Information:

Strawberries are a great source of vitamin *C*, which helps fight infections and strengthen the immune system. They also contain potassium, which help muscle and nerve function.

## How to Prepare: Strawberries are

normally eaten raw, whether they are by themselves, on a salad, topping pancakes, as a dessert with whipped cream, or any other endless possibility. They also may be made into jams, jellies, syrups, preserves, and even medicines.





#### **Strawberry Compote**

Yields: 4

Serving size: ¼ cup

#### **Ingredients**

8 Strawberries, cleaned and tops snipped, then quartered

1 Tablespoon Sugar

2 teaspoons Cornstarch + equal parts cold water

#### **Preparation**

- 1. Warm sauce pan to medium heat. Add strawberries.
- 2. Let strawberries cook for about 5 minutes, stir frequently.
- 3. Add sugar. Stir frequently
- 4. Bring strawberries to a simmer until tender and sauce has a slight thickness to it. If more thickness is desired, add small amounts of cornstarch in cold water desired consistency.
- 5. Serve with French toast, whole grain pancakes or waffles, crepes or yogurt.

#### **Nutrition Facts per Serving:**

25 calories, 0 g fat, 6 g carbohydrates, 1 g fiber, 0 g protein

