



Strawberries: June-Bearing vs Everbearing

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Strawberries, they're gorgeous, delicious, and very nutritious. A rare combination! While the process of growing strawberries is pretty simple in itself, there are some aspects that gardeners, especially beginners, find baffling. One of these is picking the type of strawberries to grow. For most gardeners, the choice revolves around two of the most famous types- June-bearing strawberries and everbearing strawberries. Here's some useful information.

June-Bearing Strawberries

June-bearing strawberries bear fruit early in the spring season, very often in the month of June. There's a single, large crop in a year, and the berries are big. The harvesting period lasts for about 3 weeks. If you're interested in a big supply of strawberries for freezing or making jellies, I'd recommend growing June-bearing strawberries. Two of my favorite varieties are Sparkle Supreme June-bearing Strawberries and Honeoye strawberries. Plants from both these varieties are self-pollinating and highly resistant to diseases.

Everbearing Strawberries

Everbearing strawberry plants are relatively smaller than the June-bearing varieties. The plants can offer up to 3 harvests in the first year. The first produce is often in June, followed by a second production in the summer season, and another at the beginning of fall. The total production in the case of everbearing strawberries is often less than the single production of June-bearing strawberries. Everbearing varieties have fewer runners and are much easier to manage. If you're interested in near-carefree strawberry plants that provide decent produce at different times of the year, I'd recommend growing everbearing strawberries. Ozark Beauty is one of my favorites in this category. They're deep-rooted, vigorous, and resistant to most diseases. A great pick for those living up north or in the southern mountain regions!

Deciding the type of strawberries to grow isn't that hard, really. It's just a question of your goal and requirement. June-bearing strawberries or everbearing strawberries? Choose for yourself!