## STRAWBERRY

## **Hi 4-H Strawberry Project Members**



My name is Elizabeth Morse and I am the project leader for Strawberries. I am an advanced Master gardener here in Hamilton County and I LOVE to plant and eat strawberries.

I thought I'd send out a little info as we are getting close to the time that you will need to plant your seeds in order to be ready for the fair. Remember, your goal is to have plants that are fruiting for the judges.

I've included some links that have videos on planting, as well as some basic instructions if you are new to berries. If you're already experienced, you might find some new ideas to improve your berry gardening.

There obviously are TONS of places in town to purchase seeds, but I encourage you to look online. There are some really great varietals out there. I'd really suggest you take a minute to google "Alpine Strawberries." They tend to be smallish but they are incredibly sweet and really productive (lots of berries!)

We won't have a scheduled workshop, but I'm more than happy to give advice and answer questions. Don't hesitate to give me a call, text or email.

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This is the link to a GREAT bunch of info on starting your strawberries from seed:

https:// www.westcoastseeds. com/how-to-growguides/growstrawberries/ Hamilton County 4-H February 22, 2018

## Some great seed sources:

https://strawberryseedstore.com/

https://www.rareseeds.com/white-soulalpine-strawberry/

https:// www.swallowtailgardenseeds.com/ veggies/strawberry\_alpine.html

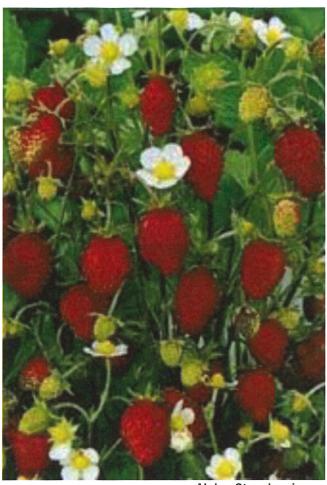
www.johnnyseeds.com/fruits/ strawberry/



Strawberry Patch

How to Grow Strawberries in a pot: 15 steps:

https:// www.wikihow.com/ Grow-Strawberries-in-a-Pot



Alpine Strawberries.

## What kind of soil should be used?

In order to grow the biggest and most flavorful berries, it's important to prepare the soil before planting. Strawberries like soft, rich, and fertilized soil, so preparing the bed typically involves tilling and amending with organic matter before planting. It's also important to pick the right location for your plants because strawberries like warmth and sun.

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**Tip:** If your leaves look pale, add a few pinches of used coffee sounds to your soil. The nitrogen will "green" your plants right up.