

Strawberries all Summer

I have been successful in growing strawberries in my poly-tunnel.

In 2003 I established young strawberry plants in hanging baskets and got a small crop. In 2004 these plants were well established and yielded fruit all summer.

In 2004 I planted up a barrel. This has proved to be productive and has the advantage that it is easier to protect the fruit from bird attack by covering them with a net, A barrel is also easier to water than hanging baskets

I have used repeat fruiting varieties. The biggest crop is ripe during May and there is a steady flow of ripe fruit up to October.

Watering is obviously vital during the summer but it is also important to make sure that the soil is kept moist over the winter.

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