

Commercial STRAWBERRY Varieties for Missouri



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	Berry Characteristics				Plant Characteristics**			
	Size	Color	Flavor	Firmness	Red Stele	Vert. Leaf	Disease	Row Vigor
Early Varieties								
*BLAKEMORE	Med.	light	tart	firm	0	0	+	High
	(Berries tend to be small late in season. A persistent producer under adverse conditions.)							
*EARLIDAWN	Med. lg.	lt.	tart	medium	0	0	+	Poor
	(Tends to shy runner production. Plant closer in row--18 to 24 inches.)							
SUNRISE	Large	light	tart	firm	++	+	++	High
	(Blooms exposed above foliage--may be more subject to spring frosts.)							
Mid-Season Varieties								
GUARDIAN	Large	light	sweet	firm	++	++	+	Medium
	(Recently introduced. Looked good in University of Missouri trials.)							
MIDWAY	Large	dark	tart	firm	+	0	+	High
	(An erratic producer; susceptible to root diseases in wet years; can be top yielder some years.)							
*REDCHIEF	Med-lg	dark	sweet	firm	++	++	+	Medium
	(Except for leaf spot, one of the most disease resistant varieties available.)							
SURECROP	Large	light	tart	firm	++	++	++	High
	(Most consistent money maker in Missouri. Widely adapted, very disease resistant.)							
Late Varieties								
*SPARKLE	Med-lg	dark	sweet	medium	+	0	++	High
	(Best of the late varieties. Fruit tends to darken quickly after harvest.)							

* Good freezing varieties.

** 0 = little or no resistance.

+ = slight to moderate resistance (or resistant to one strain of red stele).

++ = good resistance.