

**Fertilizers:** The best fertilizer for strawberries is well-rotted stable manure, and this should be most liberally applied, many noted growers asserting that on a sandy soil especially too much manure can hardly be applied. This should be thoroughly worked into the soil.

**Cultivation:** One important point in maintaining a strawberry patch is that of constant cultivation. It is too often the case that after the first crop has been taken from the patch, cultivation is neglected and consequently a harvest of weeds chokes and practically ruins the second crop which should, if constant care has been given, yield more than the first, although the average size of fruit may be a trifle smaller.

Two crops are all that should be taken from the same patch.

Cultivation should be started very soon after the plants are set, but care should be taken not to cultivate too deeply or so as to disturb the roots, or to cover the crowns.

It is advisable to cut off all the runners of the newly set plants about the middle of June, so that the young plant may become strong and well established. All blossoms should also be removed from the young plants the first year for the same reason.

**Mulching:** After growth has stopped in the autumn, and before the ground freezes hard, the plants should be covered with straw or some other good mulching material. Stable manure is not recommended, as it is likely to contain weed seeds which will give trouble the following year. As soon as growth starts in the spring the mulch should be raked off the plants and left between the rows. This helps to keep the fruit clean at ripening time and also prevents the moisture from evaporating during the growing season. It also helps check the growth of weeds between the rows.

**Renewing the Plantation:** After the second crop of fruit has been taken it is desirable that a new plantation be started. The plants for this purpose may be obtained from the old bed by taking the strongest "suckers" or young plants produced nearest the original plant. The smaller suckers produced towards the ends of the vines should not be taken.

**Varieties:** There are a great many different varieties of strawberries, but any of the following are specially recommended for Carleton County at the present time (1915):—Senator Dunlop, Parson's Beauty, Williams, Lovett. Plants of these may be obtained from seedsmen or nurserymen.