

## Calendar of Events for a Typical Strawberry Production Season

- 1) Mulch removal (mid-April- to early-May depending where you are) – rake straw mulch from rows into alleyways between rows but leave some in the row so fruit will not lie on bare soil during harvest.
- 2) Depending on vigor and whether or not there was any appreciable winter injury you may wish to fertilize with ammonium nitrate or diammonium phosphate about a week after mulch removal (see Strawberry Spring Fertility factsheet on AgraPoint website).
- 3) Apply Sinbar and/or Devrinol 7-10 days after mulch removal if required. Supplement with manual weed control and/or spot spraying.
- 4) To enhance *Botrytis* fruit rot management, Bravo can be applied when new growth appears following mulch removal and again 10-12 days later but before first bloom.
- 5) Apply Venture pre-bloom for grass control but ensure 1-2 weeks between it and Sinbar application.
- 6) When plants begin to bloom scout for clipper weevil and spray if threshold is exceeded (see Strawberry Crop Protection Guide on AgraPoint website).
- 7) Apply three to four bloom sprays for fruit rot protection (early, mid, and late bloom). Best timing is just before a rain.
- 8) Frost protect using overhead irrigation as required.
- 9) Water through harvest as required.
- 10) After harvest is complete, assess weed species and apply either 2,4-D or Lontrel as needed. Wait the appropriate length of time before mowing off all foliage.
- 11) Apply fertilizer 300 kg/ha 17-17-17 or 150 kg/ha 34-0-0 and rotovate to narrow rows to 18 to 24 inches.
- 12) Water as needed through the remainder of summer and fall, to support regrowth of existing crowns and runnering of new daughter plants.
- 13) Apply Sinbar and/or Devrinol herbicide in early to mid-September.
- 14) Apply Sinbar, Devrinol, Kerb, Goal, or Chateau to dormant plants before freeze-up in late fall (usually early to mid-November) if required. (see Strawberry Guide to Weed Control on AgraPoint website).
- 15) Mulch with wheat, barley, oat straw or shavings in early December.  
(Read all pesticides carefully before application to ensure proper rate applications, as well as all cautions and restrictions are employed).

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