

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES

Cool Facts:

- Speaking of juicy secrets, the last time you smelled a rose and enjoyed its sweet scent, you were sniffing a relative of the strawberry! Though they are very different plants, strawberries and roses are in the same family.
- Also, despite their name, some scientists don't even think of strawberries as true berries because true berries have seeds on the inside, not the outside. It's like the strawberry put its clothes on inside out!
- There are about 200 seeds on the outside of a typical strawberry, but those seeds aren't really seeds! All of those tiny 'seeds' that get stuck in your teeth are actually little fruits themselves, called achenes (pronounced a-KEENS)! Inside each one of those tiny fruits is an even tinier seed!
- California produces 75% of strawberry crops in the U.S. = about 1 billion pounds.

