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N O T I C E

Kind attention of Strawberry growers

- Strawberry is best grown in districts of Jammu, Samba, Kathua and warmer belts of Udhampur, Rajouri and Reasi . November is the best time for runners plantation.
- Well prepared land mixed with well rotten Farm Yard Manure or Vermicompost should be used.
- Use of Vermicompost @ 125-150 kg per kanal is highly advisable as it boosts the production due to its soil enriching capacity.
- Runners should be planted on raised beds at a distance of 45cm from row to row and 30cm from plant to plant.
- Irrigate the fields right after plantation which should be repeated at an interval of 8-10 days but care should be taken not to allow the water to stand in the beds.
- Mulching of Strawberry beds with black polythene sheets or paddy straw or dry grasses etc. will check the weeds and also save the runners and fruit from soil borne infections.
- In areas where white grubs and cut worm infestation is a problem, Chloropyriphos dust should be mixed with soil at the time of soil preparation and before plantation of runners.

For availability of Strawberry runners, kindly contact Chief Horticulture Officers of concerned District on following telephone numbers:

Chief Horticulture Officer, Jammu	0191-2554354, 9419193340
Chief Horticulture Officer, Samba	01923-217651, 9858012526
Chief Horticulture Officer, Kathua	01922-234679, 9419125154
Chief Horticulture Officer, Udhampur	01992-272551, 9419138794
Chief Horticulture Officer, Reasi	01991-245659, 9419152628
Chief Horticulture Officer, Rajouri	01962-263404, 9419127608

Further, the Department has initiated a campaign for soil testing in order to know the fertility status of orchards for which farmers are advised to contact Horticulture Development Officer of their concerned area for soil sampling.

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