

HARVEST UPDATE

MAY 27, 2016

2016 FORECAST

HIGHLIGHTS

- The recovery of strawberry plants and the establishment of new ones have been successful.
- The first **row cover strawberries** arrived on May 24 in the Montreal area and are expected towards June 4-5 for the Quebec City area.
- The arrival of significant amounts will be approximately towards June 5-7 for the Montreal area and June 12-15 for Quebec City area.
- The mild winter and light amount of snow results in few plants affected by winter frost.
- No spring frost was reported and crop conditions are excellent.
- Although growth was slow at the beginning of May, the recent warm and sunny weather has been favorable for the growth of crops.
- A warmer and longer summer is predicted for all regions of Quebec.
- Differences are observed between the regions for the development of early varieties using row covers but most strawberries plants are now in flower.
- **Raspberry** plants are also growing nicely and buds are beginning to show in all regions, especially in warmer ones.
- We are predicting an exceptional harvest season for strawberries in 2016, please refer to the two following articles:
 - o http://www.meteomedia.com/nouvelles/articles/lune-des-meilleures-recoltes-de-fraises-cette-annee/67792/

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