



Opera

- Large fruits
- High 1st Class Yield
- Very shiny
- High picking rate
- Double cropping and table-top cultivation

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Beauty with high yields

Opera; plural of the Latin *opus*, which means 'work'. The name Opera wasn't chosen at random; the strawberry variety is one of Fresh Forward's finest 'works'. Its characteristics include a large fruit size, a beautiful strawberry gloss, good colouring in autumn, and, last but not least; a very high picking rate. This makes it a very popular fruit for double cropping and table-top cultivation.

Harvest

The long flower stalks emerge at an even rate, resulting in an excellent spread of the harvest. Opera is characterised by its extended harvesting period, with a constant supply of large fruits. The average fruit weight is very high throughout the harvest period. All these positive characteristics make Opera a variety with a high percentage of first class fruit and a very high picking rate.

Cultivation

Opera can best be described as a mid-season short-day variety whose harvest period starts around the same time as that of Elsanta and Sonata. Opera requires little cold in a double cropping system, and therefore starts its second flowering and harvest early in the next year.





Looking after the crop requires little maintenance. Due to its long flower trusses and upright plant habit, the trusses are easy to separate from the leaves. Additionally, dead leaves are easily removed. It is a vital variety, with little risk of diseases. Opera is fairly resistant to both crown rot (*Phytophthora cactorum*) and powdery mildew (*Podosphaera aphanis*).

As well as in double cropping systems, Opera is also suitable for table-top cultivation. When grown in this way, Opera retains its size, flavour and shine even in summer temperatures.

Retail

Opera's fruits can best be described with the following keywords: large juicy fruits, beautifully shiny and dark red; even on short days with little light and heat.

Due to its large, shiny fruits, the Opera variety is very popular in the winter retail environment. It's an ideal strawberry variety for retailers!

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Productivity

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Taste

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Disease resistance

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Shelf life

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Firmness

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