

- Strawberries are the first fruit to ripen in the spring.
 - The flavor of strawberries is influenced by the **weather**, **variety** and **stage of ripeness** when they are harvested.
- 94% of U.S. households consume strawberries, and over 53% of 7 to 9 year olds picked strawberries as their favorite fruit.
 - Strawberries are grown in all **50 states** in the U.S.
- One cup of strawberries is only 55 calories, and 8 strawberries will
 provide 140% of the recommended daily intake of Vitamin C for kids.
 - On average, Americans eat 3.4 lbs. of fresh strawberries each year, and another 1.8 lbs of frozen.

