

# Fun Facts about

## STRAWBERRIES

- Strawberries are usually the first commercial berry to start ripening in Washington State.
- Strawberries are not true berries, but an accessory fruit in the rose family.
- There are more than 600 unique varieties of strawberries in varying shapes, sizes, and flavors.
- Strawberries are grown in many areas of Washington, but most are produced in Skagit and Whatcom Counties.
- Washington State has been growing strawberries commercially since the 1830s.
- Americans eat on average 5 lbs. of strawberries each year.

