

Strawberry defoliation

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To investigate the effect of foliage cutting off on fruit strawberry yield, this study was done and shows that:

- 1- The mature leaves which produce inhibitor hormones that prevent flowering induction is defoliated.
 - 2- Irrigation rate is reduced after defolations.
 - 3- Defoliation increases beneficial period of straw berry growing for several years.
 - 4- Yield of dry leaves is 4 to 6 ton/ha and it is applied for animal feeding.
 - 5- The puality value of strawberry is better than chaffand many of grass and plants.
- So defloation method in strawberry is suggested after second year of plant growing. It is better to notice on time of defloation practice.