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- ✓ Prepare list of cultivars for next years new plantings.

#### *Fertilizer*

- ✓ Take soil tests to determine fertility needs for spring plantings.

#### *Marketing and miscellaneous*

- ✓ Order containers for next season
- ✓ Make contacts for selling fruit next season
- ✓ Plan on attending the North American Bramble Growers Association meeting. ([www.nabga.com](http://www.nabga.com)) For more information contact:

### **Quarterly Strawberry Plasticulture Checklist**

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**This checklist was originally developed for growers in North Carolina. You will have to adjust your work activities either earlier or later depending on your location. For more detailed information, check the Southern Region Integrated Strawberry Management Guide and the Southeast Regional Strawberry Plasticulture Production Guide at:**

**<http://www.smallfruits.org/SmallFruitsRegGuide/index.htm>**

#### Fall (Sept-Nov)

- ✓ Fumigate (or apply compost) early Sept in NC, and put down plastic
- ✓ Plant ryegrass in aisles (1 bu/acre) before you punch holes in plastic
- ✓ Plant in October (most of NC), use overhead irrigation as needed for plugs or fresh dug plants
- ✓ Check for dead plants and reset asap
- ✓ Watch for pest injury, including deer
- ✓ Fall irrigate only if soil is dry
- ✓ Hand weed emerging winter weeds
- ✓ Watch for pest injury, including deer
- ✓ Fall irrigate only if soil is dry
- ✓ Consider placing row covers on plants first 10 days of Nov. for additional flower development this fall and higher yields next spring (optional) apply beneficial mites shortly after planting
- ✓ Inspect plants late fall and winter for crown

- development, you should see 2-3 crowns by December in a normal year
- ✓ Protect plants and plastic from deer

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