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Pest and diseases are caused by three ways among which are, overhead irrigation or rainfall. When water gets in contact with the leaves, the leaves develop leaf spots.

The other cause is red spider mites. This is a problem mostly faced by farmers who grow their strawberries in a greenhouse. These spider mites however, can be controlled by use of biological method that is, applying live organisms that feed on the spider mites on the plants. Another one is by the use of chemicals. Birds also poses a challenge to farmers who do not have green houses but this can be prevented by using galvanized chicken mesh which is way cheaper as compared to the fish net to protect your crops.

## Techniques

Strawberry farming requires a lot of care to get quality products and a good income from it too. Protection of plants from pests and diseases infestation is a key thing,

Farmers are therefore advised to grow strawberries in a green house of an enclosed area where drip irrigation can easily be applied. Overhead irrigation and rainfall causes leaf spots on the crops. Greenhouse or an enclosed place also protects the crops from attack by the birds.

## Pest and Diseases

Pests and diseases causes reduction in returns to farmers practicing strawberry farming. When the fruits are infested by diseases their quality also lowers.

Common disease is strawberries is the leaf spots that is majorly caused by overhead irrigation which is direct irrigation of the crops. The other one is rainfall which affects the uncovered crops. Strawberries are also affected by red spider mites. They are also feasted on by the birds.

## **Prevention**

Farmers can still get good profits from strawberry farming through preventing and protecting their crops from pests and diseases.

Red spider mites can be prevented from infesting on the crops by applying living organisms on the plants leaves so that they feed on them. Drip irrigation can also be applied. Covering plants by use of galvanized chicken mesh or fish net also helps in protecting them from birds.