RosBREED Strawberry Phenotyping Protocol

Recording Sites:

USDA-ARS/Oregon State University

Michigan State University

Driscoll's Strawberry Associates California

University of New Hampshire

University of Florida

RosBREED

Enabling marker-assisted breeding in Rosaceae

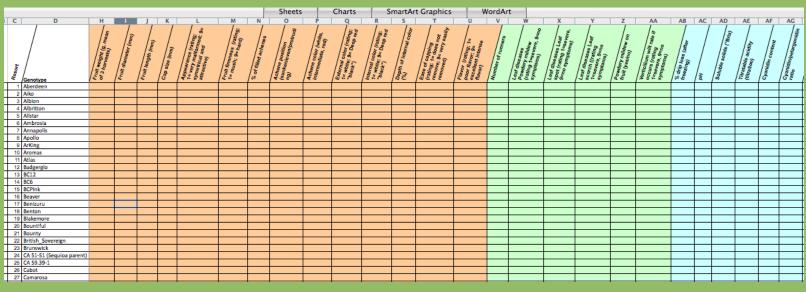


Data Recording

- Phenotype data should be entered in Excel in the format presented.
- -This will help us remain organized and keep consistency throughout our locations!





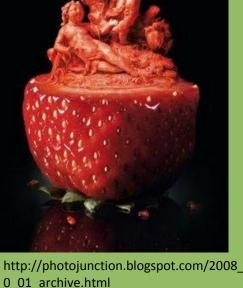


(not meant to be read)

Orange = Fruit Traits Green = Plant/Leaf Traits Blue = Lab Procedures

Fruit Traits

- Fruit weight (g)
- Cap size
- Soluble solids (°Brix)
- Acidity (titration)
- pH
- % drip loss (after freezing and thawing)
- Appearance (rating; 1= very malformed; 9= symmetrical and attractive)
- Fruit firmness (rating; 1= mush; 9= hard)
- Skin Toughness (rating; 1=soft; 9=tough)
- % of filled achenes
- Monkey face (yes/no)



Fruit Traits Continued

- External color (rating; 1= white; 9= Deep red "black")
- Gloss (rating; 1=dull; 9=shiny)
- Internal Color (rating; 1= white; 9= Deep red "black")
- Depth of internal color (%)
- Ease of capping (rating; 1= does not remove; 9= very easily removed)
- Flavor (rating; 1= poor flavor; 9= excellent intense flavor)
- Achene position (sunken/even/protruding)
- Achene color (white, intermediate, red)
- Crop estimate (rating 1=no fruit; 9=over-cropped)
- Cyanidin content (Only NH)
- Cyanidin/pelargonidin ratio (Only NH)
- Anthocyanins total spectrophotometrically

Fruit Maturity and Harvest

- Fruit should be harvested when fruit color (red, yellow, white) is fully developed (50% of fruit on plant is ripe) allowing evaluation of 10 primary fruit
- Record harvest date on data sheet
- Fruit should be harvested as uniform as possible (same time each day).

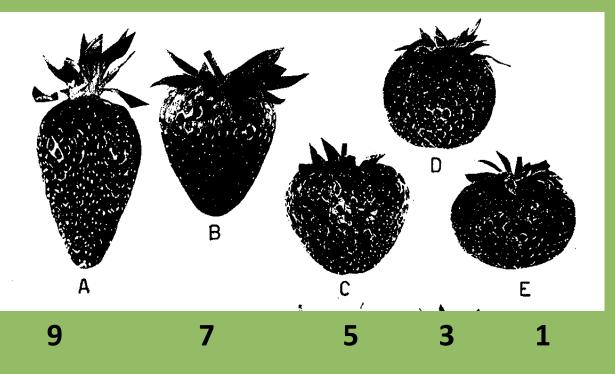


Fruit weight (g, mean of 1 harvests)

- 5 fruit from each genotype should be weighed and their mean recorded on the data sheet
- Fruit can be weighed back in lab to speed harvest

Fruit Shape

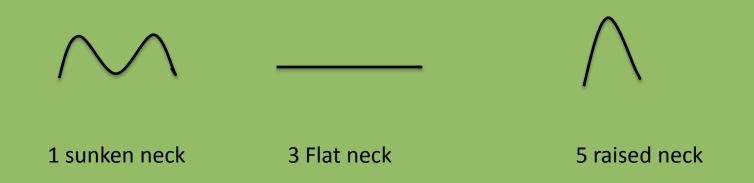
- Rate fruit 1-9 accordingly,
- round conic to round





Neck Line

• Rating of 1-5 (1 sunken to 5 raised, ratings of 2 and 4 for fruit that is in between)



Note: Pictures are more drastic than would normally be observed

Fruit Measurement (cap size)

Cap < width of fruit



Cap > width of fruit





Appearance

(rating; 1= very malformed; 9= symmetrical and attractive)

General across bulk sample





8-9

Percentage of filled achenes

- Average rating of 5 fruit
- Record percentage of achenes that filled
- Example below is a "monkey face" distortion with 10-15% achenes unfilled. Please denote on data sheet "yes" if fruit distortion is monkey face.
- Fruit with perfect shape but only a few achenes should be recorded as the % of their achenes and checked "no" for not "monkey face"





Fruit Firmness

• Fruit firmness (rating; 1= mush; 9= hard)



measured by pressing on fruit. Test 1-2 fruit.

 To keep data uniform this should be performed by ideally the same person (at each site) weekly

Toughness of Skin

- Skin toughness is tested by rubbing skin of fruit with thumb. (rating; 1=soft; 9=tough). Test 1-2 fruit
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External Fruit Color



1

g

External color

(rating; 1= white; 9= Deep red "black")





Gloss

• Gloss (rating; 1=dull; 9=shiny)





Internal Fruit Color

 Internal color (rating; 1= white; 9= Deep red "black") Would do fresh, unfortunately my only pics are after frozen and thawed.
 Basically a 1 on the left and a 7-8 on the right.



Depth of Internal Color

- Depth of internal color (% of red at intervals of 10) of 2 fruit, if both of these fruit appear to be different cut a third and so-on.
- 0% red to 100% red



<u>Flavor</u>

- If enough fruit are available.
- rating; 1= poor flavor; 9= excellent intense flavor

Ease of Capping

 rating; 1= does not remove; 9= very easily removed





Achene Position

- Select from drop down list:
- sunken/even/protruding

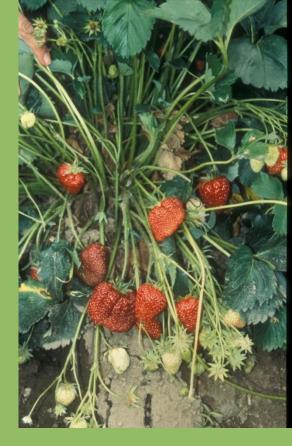
Achene Color

 Rate achene color on a 1-9 scale from Dark(brown-red) to Yellow

Crop estimate

• (rating 1=no fruit; 9=overcropped)





<u>% drip loss (after freezing)</u>

- 1.) Weigh 5-10 fruit from each genotype. Record the weight to the nearest 0.01g. AVOID LONG EXPOSURE TO THE AIR BEFORE WEIGHING (to minimize condensation).
- 2.) Record room temp. Transfer samples to a stainless steel mesh above a plate/bowl to catch liquid. Allow samples to sit for 3 hrs. or until they reach room temp.
- 3.) After thawing transfer berries back to a tarred beaker and weigh, AVOID squeezing to release more juice.



http://blog.calgarypubliclibrary.com/blogs/food/archive/2009/04.aspx

High drip loss





Grinding Samples

After drip loss is measured, juice should be placed back with the sample and blended.

An Osterizer blender can be used to do this or samples can be crushed in Ziploc bag



pH, Titratable Acidity and Soluble Solids can be measured from this puree

<u>pH</u>

 pH is then measured from the blended fruit/juice with a pH meter.



Soluble solids (°Brix)

SS are measured by placing approximately 10g of puree onto the refractometer.



Acidity (titration)

- 5 grams of puree is mixed with 45 ml of CO₂ free water
- CO₂ free water is made by starting with DI water then boiled and allowed to cool or the DI can be sonicated
- Titrate with 0.1 normal NaOH

Total Anthocyanins

 Determined by measuring the change in absorbance at 2 different pH values of 1.0 and 4.5

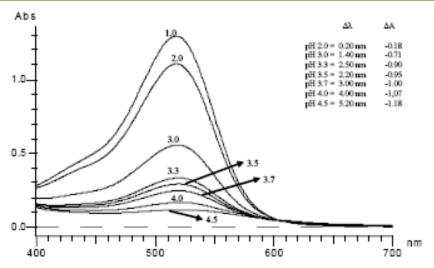


Figure 1 - Maximum absorption (Abs) wavelength of control solutions of anthocyanin Cabernet Sauvignon crude extract at different pH values (after 2 h) ($\Delta\lambda$ = wavelength changes; ΔA = absorbance values changes).

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Cyanidin/Pelargonidin

- Cyanidin content
- Cyanidin/pelargonidin ratio

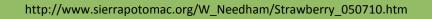
• Will be done by NH

Plant Traits

- Period of flowering (evaluated weekly)
- Peduncle Length
- Genotype Sex
- Vigor (rating; 1=dead; 9= extremely vigorous)
- Number of runners
- Leaf diseases
 - Powdery mildew Podosphaera aphanis (formerly Sphaerotheca macularis f. sp. fragariae) (rating 1=severe, 9=no symptoms)
 - Leaf spot *Mycosphaerella fragariae* (Tul.) Lindau (rating 1=severe, 9=no symptoms)
 - Leaf scorch *Diplocarpon earlianum* (rating 1=severe, 9=no symptoms)
 - Leaf blight *Phomopsis obscurans* (rating 1=severe, 9=no symptoms)
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 - Verticillium wilt Verticillium dahliae and V. albo-atrum if occurs (rating 1=severe, 9=no symptoms)
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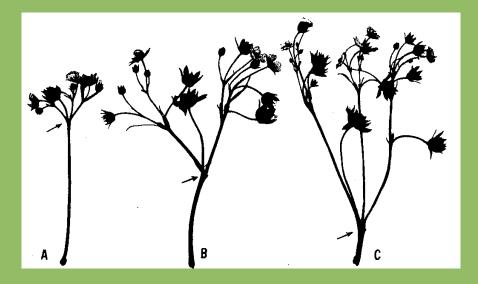
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- Record if flowering is Above canopy, below canopy or is buried (at 50% bloom)
- Record truss size (usually one of 3,5,7,9,11)
- Record fruit set
- Record peduncle length





Peduncle Length





Rate peduncle by above example of 5, 3 and 1 (allowing for the lengths in-between)

Ratings will be given by where the break is. A rating of 1 would be 90% after break, score of 3 would be 50% of and score of 5 would be 20%

Percent in 10% increments.

Sex, Presence of Anthers

- Record for each genotype if anthers are present or not.
- Plants will be female if they have no anthers and bear fruit
- Male, if plant has anthers and no fruit
- Hermaphroditic, if plant has anthers and fruit

<u>Vigor</u>

(Record twice)

- (rating; 1=dead; 9= extremely vigorous)
- Record at bloom and in late summer/fall (during runner count)
- Spring vigor will determine winter hardiness
- Fall vigor will help determine virus/disease

Number of runners

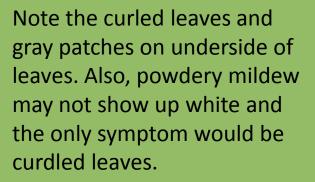
- Record once in fall
- rating; 1= 0 runners; 9= hundreds of runners.
 (Ideal rating 4-5, consisting of 5-6 runners)

Leaf diseases

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Powdery mildew Podosphaera aphanis







Powdery mildew symptoms has a grayish-white appearance on underside of leaves.

Leaf spot *Mycosphaerella fragariae* (Tul.) Lindau



http://www.forestryimages.org/browse/detail.cfm?imgnum=1436090



http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pp/extension/tfabp/lspsmf.shtml

Leaf scorch Diplocarpon earlianum



http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/IPM/english/strawberries /diseases-and-disorders/leaf-scorch.html



http://www.extension.umn.edu/GardenInfo/diagnostics/fruit /strawberry/leavesspots.html



Leaf blight Phomopsis obscurans



http://strawberryplants.org/2010/05/strawberry-plant/



http://www.weedimages.org/browse/detail.cfm?imgnum=5385825

Powdery mildew on fruit



http://www.gov.mb.ca/agriculture/crops/fruit/blb01s08.html

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http://www.inra.fr/hyp3/pathogene/6botci5.htm



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Colletotrichum acutatum; C. gloeosporioides



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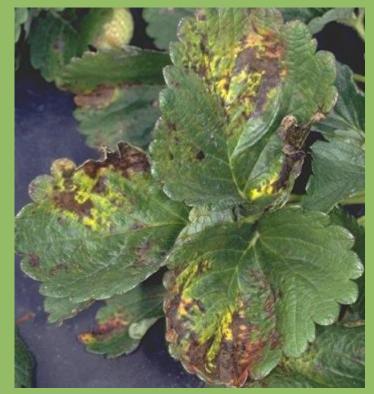


http://strawberry.ifas.ufl.edu/plantpathfiles/colletotcrownr ot.htm

Bacterial Angular Leaf Spot Xanthomonas fragariae



http://www.eppo.org/QUARANTINE/bacteria/Xanthomo nas_fragariae/XANTFR_images.htm



http://strawberry.ifas.ufl.edu/plantpathfiles/diseasegallery6.htm

Ideal leaf size for a DNA extraction



Examples of newly emerging still folded leaves