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# THORBURN'S PRICE LIST

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POT GROWN  
**STRAWBERRY**  
PLANTS

READY JUNE 15th

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**J. M. THORBURN & CO.**  
53 BARCLAY ST. through to 54 PARK PLACE  
NEW YORK

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# THORBURN'S POT-GROWN STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Pot-grown are more expensive, but in the end are cheaper to buy than ordinary layer plants. There is practically no danger of damage in transit, as the earth is securely packed around the roots of each individual plant. The year after planting the ordinary layer kind, the yield is only a partial one—whereas with the pot-grown plants, practically a full crop is obtained the very next season. An important point in favor of the pot-grown is that transplanting does not retard their growth. We recommend the pot-grown plants and only offer varieties that are considered best of existing sorts.

## CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

The Strawberry may be grown to perfection on any land that will produce a crop of potatoes, corn, peas or other vegetables. Almost any soil will answer, unless it be dry sand or an undrained bed of muck, but the best results are obtained from a dark, rich loose loam with a clay sub-soil, well tilled. Strawberries should not be planted on newly plowed sod ground, nor in land that water remains on after rain. Such land bakes, and consequently the soil is coarse and lumpy. Usually the plants will continue to bear for five or six years, but the first and second crops are generally the best. Thus it is the custom to plow up strawberry beds after they have borne from one to three crops. The better the land and the more intensive the cultivation, the shorter the rotation.

The plants should be set 15 inches apart in rows 4 feet apart; 100 plants will set out 4 rows, 30 feet long. For horse cultivation they should be set 2 feet apart in rows 5 feet apart. Firm the plants well in the soil, keep thoroughly cultivated and cut off all runners. In the middle of December cover the beds to a depth of 3 inches with salt meadow hay, straw or leaves. In April, as soon as they show an indication of growth, push the covering away from the plants to allow them to come up through. This "mulching" protects the plants from the cold in winter and the heat in summer, keeps the fruit clean and prevents the growth of weeds.

The blossom of Strawberries are either staminate (perfect flowering), or are destitute of stamens and are termed pistillate (imperfect flowering). Pistillate varieties must have a row of some perfect flowered sort, flowering at the same time, planted every 4 or 6 feet apart from them; or, better still, every third or fourth plant in the row, to pollenize their blossoms.

Pot plants will be ready for delivery about June 15th, and if set out any time before the middle of September will bear a full crop next season under ordinary favorable conditions. The earlier the plants are set out the larger they will grow and produce larger crops the next Spring.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

(OUR SELECTION)

FOR THE FAMILY GARDEN

Collection A	50 each	Early, Mid-Season and Late, price	.....\$	5.00
B	100 each	Early, Mid-Season and Late, price	.....	10.00
C	150 each	Early, Mid-Season and 200 Late, price	.....	17.00
D	350 each	Early, Mid-Season and 300 Late, price	.....	32.50

## STANDARD VARIETIES

PRICES

Best quality pot grown plants, well rooted:

Per doz. of any one kind.....	\$	.60		
25 " " " "		1.00		
100 " " " "		3.50		
1000 " " " "		30.00		

See page 7 for prices of

**FALL FRUITING VARIETIES.**

### EXTRA EARLY

**Excelsior.** (Perfect Flowers.) A vigorous, healthy grower—unusually productive for so early a sort—fruit averages large, handsome and firm. Its tall thick foliage protects the blossoms from frost.

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**Michel's Early.** (Perfect Flowers.) One of the earliest sorts producing a full crop. A robust grower, does not rust or mildew, large, handsome berries of excellent flavor.

**Success.** (Perfect Flowers.) One of the earliest. The berries are beautiful in appearance, large, and colored a bright crimson. A vigorous grower, very productive. This is the best of the large early varieties.

## EARLY

**Bederwood.** (Perfect Flowers.) Early, very hardy and will produce a large crop of medium size fruit. This is an old variety, and succeeds well on most any good land. A splendid pollenizer.

**Clyde.** (Perfect Flowers.) The foliage of this variety will sometimes give way about fruiting time, yet as the berry is of excellent flavor, firm and a good shipper, it is extensively used and conceded to be the Southern favorite. It is a vigorous grower and does well in practically all parts of the country.

**Glen Mary.** (Perfect Flowers.) The wonderfully luscious fruit of this superb variety is quite large, nearly round and uniform in shape. Very productive. One of its many good points is that the last of the fruit is quite as large as the first that ripens. An excellent variety for both home and market growers, but we do not recommend planting it in the extreme South. This variety, although perfect flowering, sometimes bears so few stamens that it is well to plant with staminate.

## MID-SEASON

**Barrymore.** (Perfect Flowers.) (New.) This variety resembles Marshall, but is a more prolific bearer.

**Brandywine.** (Perfect Flowers.) An excellent tasting berry that will succeed on any soil. The fruit is large and handsome in appearance, roundish conical in shape and colored a glossy crimson. A prolific sort with a long fruiting season.

**Bubach.** (Imperfect Flowers.) One of the old standard, heavy-yielding varieties. Abundant foliage protects the plant and renders it less liable to damage through drought. The fruit is attractive in appearance and it is a valuable sort for market growing. Plants should be set out only in connection with the perfect flowering kind.

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**Haverland.** (Imperfect Flowers.) A popular standard variety, succeeding on all kinds of soil; seems to be the least affected by frost, often producing a full crop of perfect fruit when other varieties are badly damaged. Very prolific, berries large, long shape gradually tapering, light scarlet, holding in size to the last picking.

**Hub.** (Perfect Flowers.) Fruit is large, smooth, firm, dark glossy red; very productive; the berries shine as if varnished.

**Kevitt's Wonder.** (Perfect Flowers.) A berry of highest rank; for productiveness, firm color, flavor and shape; it is pronounced the ideal strawberry; has very few seeds and is mild and sweet.

**Marshall.** (Perfect Flowers.) This is without a doubt the finest flavored berry, and coupled with its enormous size, long since made it the standard fancy variety.

**McKinley.** (Perfect Flowers.) The extra large berries of this type are wonderfully sweet in flavor. A vigorous grower and a great yielder. The fact that the berries are only moderately firm, while prohibiting their being shipped to any great extent, makes them excellent for garden culture.

**New York.** (Perfect Flowers.) Immense dark scarlet berries changing to crimson when fully ripe. Some rather pointed, others thick and broad. Remarkably sweet flavored. The seeds are so near the same color of the berry and so deeply set that they are hardly noticeable. No green sides or tips.

**Oom Paul.** (Perfect Flowers.) Stupendous in size, delicious in flavor, nice shape, elegant color and a good shipper. This berry is very desirable for both market and home gardens.

**Schofield.** (Perfect Flowers.) A heavy producer of extra large bright red berries of fine quality. Strong foliage with thick, broad leaves.

**Senator Dunlap.** (Perfect Flowers.) Firm, fruit delicious, good size, and handsome in appearance; will ripen a good crop under almost any condition of drought or neglect. Mid-season to late.

**Sharpless.** (Perfect Flowers.) The plant is exceedingly large and vigorous, quite free from rust or blight. It demands well enriched soil and is one that will bring the home grower fine fruit.

**Uncle Jim.** (Perfect Flowers.) (Sometimes called Dornan.) This plant produces delicious-tasting berries in great profusion. Does well in dry weather.

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**Wm. Belt.** (Perfect Flowers.) This variety is known as the standard for high quality; its rather long, conical shaped fruit is a brilliant glossy red. It is a heavy yielder and the berries ripen all over without green tips. Valuable either for home or market purposes.

## LATE

**Chesapeake.** (Perfect Flowers.) One of the best, berries very large and of fine form, as late as "Gandy," in flavor ranks with "Marshall" and "William Belt."

**Commonwealth.** (Perfect Flowers.) The fruit is large, dark rich red, and of excellent quality, and very productive.

**Gandy.** (Perfect Flowers.) A well-known standard market berry; handsome glossy crimson color, of fine form and flavor. The plants are strong and compact growers and produce large sized regular berries right up to the last picking. This variety should not be planted on dry sandy soil, but it will thrive on practically every other kind of land. It is one of the best market sorts.

**Hunn.** (Imperfect Flowers.) This berry is very productive and extra large. The flesh is very firm and dark crimson in color and of excellent flavor. A very late type. Should be planted with staminate.

**McAlpine.** (Perfect Flowers.) A heavy yielder; berries large and full to the last pickings.

**Nick Ohmer.** (Perfect Flowers.) The fruit is of very large size, dark glossy red, of superior flavor. It is an excellent variety for home use or for market and is continually being used in exhibitions. Its fruiting season is very long.

**Pride of Delaware.** (Perfect Flowers.) A large firm, evenly colored berry. Plants hold the fruit up well from the ground; ripens a few days before "Gandy."

**Steven's Late.** (Perfect Flowers.) A new variety fruiting very late in the season, yielding large crops of fine berries.

For prices on above Berries see page 3.

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# EVERBEARING OR FALL FRUITING STRAWBERRIES

Best quality pot-grown plants

\$1.25 per dozen

\$5.00 per 100

**Americus.** (Perfect Flowers.) The Americus is a satisfactory Fall Fruiting sort. All blossoms should be cut off until August 1st, so as to insure the plants having ample nourishment for the Fall Crop. The taste is wondrously sweet and tempting—the size is medium, but naturally smaller than the June type.

**Progressive.** (Perfect Flowers.) One of the best fall bearing sorts, strong grower, berries round, deep crimson. It begins to ripen with second early sorts. Keeping on bearing fruit until late fall. Very productive.

**Superb.** (Perfect Flowers.) A healthy grower, makes plants freely. The berries are a rich blood red from surface to centre. Yields fruits only on parent plants.

## RECENT INTRODUCTIONS

**Kellogg's Premier.** (Perfect Flowers.) Fruit begins to ripen with the earliest varieties and continues until the latest varieties are at their best. Berries larger than any other early variety, fruit firm and richly colored, fine shipper, foliage light green, growing tall, spreading over its load of fruit protecting the berries from the sun.

**Kellogg's Prize.** (Imperfect Flowers.) This variety will thrive in any soil, immense yielder, berries large, perfectly formed, highly colored, its golden seeds lending a gloss to the surface of great beauty.

**Pennell.** (Perfect Flowers.) A vigorous grower and sure cropper, fruit large and fine when given plenty of room in the bed; berries fresh from the vines possess the finest rich flavor. Fine variety for Home Gardens.

BLACKBERRIES and RASPBERRIES BOOKED  
for DELIVERY AFTER OCTOBER 1st.  
PRICES ON APPLICATION.

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## FREESIA

Expected early in July.

Per 10 25 50 100

Freesia Purity.	Mammoth				
	Size Bulbs	\$1.25	\$2.50	\$4.50	\$8.00
	Second Size,				
	$\frac{5}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$				
	inch . . . .	1.00	2.00	3.50	6.00
“	Refracta Alba.				
	$\frac{3}{4}$ inch	.75	1.50	2.50	4.00

*Our Fall Catalogue of Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissi, Fairy Isle Easter Lilies, etc., etc., ready about end of August.*

### HARDY PERENNIAL FLOWER SEEDS

Collection of

12 Varieties—1 Packet each—Dwarf Perennials for \$1.00.

12 Varieties—1 Packet each—Tall Perennials for 85c.

*See our General Catalogue for other varieties of Perennials.*

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## LAWN GRASS SEED MIXTURES

The THORBURN LAWN GRASS SEED, used for the finest lawns in America. Sow four bushels to the acre (20 lbs. to the bushel). Qt., 35c. Pk., \$1.75. Bus., \$6.00.

THORBURN'S LAWN RESTORING GRASS SEED (20 lbs. to bushel). Qt., 40c. Pk., \$2.00. Bus. \$7.00.

THORBURN'S MIXTURE for UNDER TREES AND SHADY SPOTS on lawns (22 lbs. to bushel). Qt., 40c. Pk., \$2.15. Bus., \$8.00.

THORBURN'S LAWN GRASS MIXTURE for the SEA SHORE (18 lbs. to bushel). Qt. 35c., Pk., \$1.75. Bus., \$6.00.

For other Grass Seed Mixtures for *Terraces, Railroad Banks, Golf Links, Tennis Courts, Polo Grounds*, etc., also *Meadow Mixtures* and *Pasture Mixtures*, see our *General Catalogue*. Sent free on application.

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