

Allegro

The strawberry with a flavour that makes you smile

Allegro is a new early season variety which was developed at Fresh Forward's June-bearing breeding program. Allegro, a term in music and dance denoting a brisk tempo, lives up to its name through its fast production pace and high total yield. In terms of fruit quality, Allegro also manages to impress! It is characterised by very uniform and bright red fruits, with excellent taste. Allegro is a healthy and fast growing plant, with good tolerance to soil diseases. Allegro has a bright future ahead, particularly in early tunnel and open field cultivation.



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Early season
Open field

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Cultivation

Allegro is an early season June-bearer. The harvest period of Allegro is identical to that of Clery, but with a much higher total yield. Flowering starts a few days later than Clery, but this is compensated by a fast development and ripening of the fruit. Allegro has a very upright plant habit, with rapidly stretching petioles, leading to a good plant volume. The plants develop into a very uniform and healthy looking crop. Because of Allegro's fast vegetative growth rate, it is recommended to use a restrained fertigation scheme and avoid supplying too much nitrogen. Care needs to be taken that sufficient irrigation is supplied to the abundantly growing plants.

Allegro is highly resistant to frost damage because the flower trusses remain comfortably underneath the leaf canopy, which also eases the covering of the plants. The long flower trusses stretch rapidly and split at the tip into fairly compact clusters of 6 to 9 flowers. The flowers produce a lot of pollen and fruit set is exceptionally good, this results in a very low proportion of misshapen fruit for Allegro. The total yield is very high, Class 1 yield of



Allegro exceeds that of Clery by 20% on average in our open field trials. On average, fruit size is larger and more consistent than that of Clery, this difference is most profound in the second half of the harvest season.

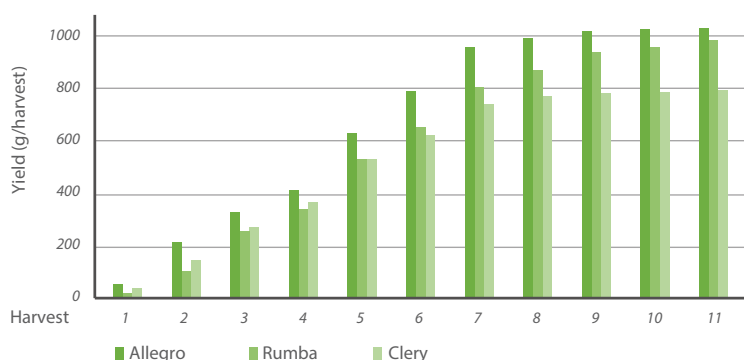
Allegro produces very healthy plants with good tolerance to both Phytophthora cactorum and Verticillium as well as high resistance to powdery mildew. It is advised to include an anthracnose (Colletotrichum) treatment in the standard spraying scheme.

Information obtained from disease trials

Variety	*P.cactorum	*Verticillium	*Mildew
Allegro	3,5	3,8	4,5
Clery	4,	3,1	3,4
Rumba	3,5	2,6	4,2

* Scale: 1-5. The higher the mark, the better the disease resistance.

Cumulative Yields



Fruit Quality

The excellent fruit set of Allegro results in very uniform fruit that are of medium length and conical in shape, making Allegro very recognizable. The strawberries are a shining bright red, with uniform coloration throughout. The fruits feel firm, but are not overly hard and the fruit skin is fairly tolerant to bruising.

Allegro has an excellent taste, with an average Brix value of 9° in our open field trials. Apart from the high sugar levels, Allegro also has a very pleasant aroma. In terms of juiciness and texture, Allegro is truly exceptional and can easily beat its early season competition!



Information obtained from outdoor trials in the Netherlands

Variety	*Firmness	*Vulnerability of the skin	*General appearance	Yield class 1	Average fruit weight	*Brix	Earliness compared to Clery (in days)
Allegro	4,9	4,4	3,9	100%	18,0	9	0
Clery	4,6	4	3,3	77%	15,7	8,6	0
Rumba	3,8	3,4	3,6	96%	19,5	7,6	+2,6

* Scale: 1-5 The higher the mark, the better the firmness, general evaluation and toughness of the fruit skin.

