

Strawberries

- Strawberries are produced all over the world.
- California is the biggest strawberry producing state in the United States
- One way is that strawberry plants are set into relatively flat ground, mulched with straw, and irrigated by sprayers.. Once a strawberry is picked, they are stored in “first in/ first out coolers” which make sure the berries are quickly sorted and processed. Stems are removed and the strawberries are washed in water. Next, the strawberries go to a vibratory sorter, where they are sorted by size and sent on a size- appropriate conveyer belts to be hand inspected for defective fruit removal. Strawberries that are going to be frozen are put into large buckets.
- Driscoll’s a California based strawberry grower has been accused of paying its workers very low wages with terrible working conditions. Workers for Driscoll have complained about verbal abuse during work hours In an effort to improve working conditions
- Driscoll’s started a Fair Trade Program, working with independent growers to establish global labor standards, improve ranches, and perform audits.
- You can help by tweeting about Driscoll’s strawberries and spread more awareness via social media

