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Minimising pesticide residues in strawberry through integrated pest, disease and environmental crop management (HortLINK)
Background and project objectives

The overall aim of the proposed project is to develop alternative, sustainable, non-pesticidal methods for managing Botrytis, mildew, blackspot, aphids, blossom weevil and capsid bugs on strawberry so greatly reducing (by >50%) pesticide use and eliminating the occurrence of reportable pesticide residues on harvested fruit. The methods developed for the individual pests and diseases will be combined with existing non-chemical methods for other pests and diseases in an overall Integrated Pest and Disease Management (IPDM) system, and this will be tested and refined in commercial strawberry production over 2 seasons. A further important aim is to improve the environmental acceptability of strawberry growing so that it is better harmonised within the rural landscapes.
Further information

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