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## Checking Strawberries for Insects

Many times strawberries are often infested with thrips and aphids. They are usually found under the green leafy crown on the top of the strawberry. The KOF-K policy on how to wash the strawberries is the following:

One should cut off the leafy part of the strawberry, fill a bowl with vegetable washing soap and let the strawberries soak in cold water for 3-5 minutes. One can tell if there is enough vegetable washing soap if the water is very slippery from the soap.

One should then wash off the strawberries over a strong stream of water making sure that the water touches every part of the strawberry.

After completing this process one does not have to check the strawberry for bugs.

If the green crown is not removed from the long stem strawberry then one should use the same cleaning method as mentioned above, and with the fingers push the leave up.