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Strawberry Biotechnology

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I. DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN STRAWBERRY

A. Origins of the Cultivated Strawberry

The cultivated strawberry is a relatively new crop. Its origins have been reviewed by Darrow (1966), Hancock (1999), and Wilhelm and Sagen (1974). In short, the cultivated strawberry is the result of chance hybridizations between two octoploid new world strawberry species, the beach strawberry, *Fragaria chiloensis* (L.) Duch., and the scarlet or Virginia strawberry, *F. virginiana* Duch. The large-fruited *F. chiloensis*

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