



Israeli farmer Chahi Ariel grew the world's heaviest strawberry that weighs 289 grams.

The strawberry was about five times the average weight of a regular berry of the local Ilan variety. It was 18 centimeters long and 34 centimeters in **circumference**. According to the Guinness World Records website, unusually cold weather in early 2021 slowed the strawberry's **ripening** process, which allowed it to grow.

Ariel was hoping to win when he saw how big the fruit was growing. He waited for confirmation of the record, and he kept the giant strawberry in the freezer as **proof**. A Japanese farmer held the previous record; he discovered a 250-gram strawberry in his harvest in 2015.

Difficult words: **circumference** (the distance around something), **ripe** (when the fruit develops, and it's ready to be eaten), **proof** (a piece of evidence that shows that something's true).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *circumference*, *ripe* and *proof*
2. Where was the world's heaviest strawberry grown?
3. How much does the heaviest strawberry weigh?
How does it compare to the weight of a regular berry of the Ilan variety?
4. What caused the strawberry to grow that big?
5. What did Chahi Ariel do with the strawberry while waiting for the confirmation of the record?
6. Who held the previous record of the heaviest strawberry in the world?
How much did his strawberry weigh?

Express Your Thoughts

1. Does your country grow strawberries?
2. How much is the average weight of a regular strawberry from your country?
3. Have you eaten unusually big strawberries? What do they taste like?
4. Does your country currently hold any Guinness World Records? What are they?