Gary Crawford: [00:00:01] Yes. What magic words would you use to describe a nice ripe strawberry.

Olivia Banks: [00:00:06] Beautiful. Delicious. Succulent.

Gary Crawford: [00:00:09] That's Agriculture Department strawberry expert Olivia Banks and Olivia. How would you describe yourself?

Olivia Banks: [00:00:15] Beautiful. Delicious.

Gary Crawford: [00:00:16] Yeah. Yeah. Oh that was coming the beautiful delicious Olivia.

Olivia Banks: [00:00:20] Succulent.

Gary Crawford: [00:00:21] Oh yeah I forgot to succulent.

Olivia Banks: [00:00:22] Start again.

Gary Crawford: [00:00:23] All right. We're going to start again. We're here at the Ag Department's Farmers Market right off the Mall in Washington D.C. Showing people here and showing me how we can actually grow some of our own strawberries even in very small spaces. First go to your local nursery buy some small strawberry plants. Now here's something I didn't know about these plants you don't have to replant new ones every year. Right?

Olivia Banks: [00:00:46] A strawberry plant will last about five years and produce well for you for five years but during that time it sends off little shoots from itself and it will drop them into the soil next to it and then you have another strawberry plant.

Gary Crawford: [00:00:58] So I guess we can or have to plant them outside in the yard or something.

Olivia Banks: [00:01:02] But it may even be best for you too. I'm not sure I've seen those terra cotta pots that are quite large and they've got little little Out pops that come from inside your pot. Your strawberries will grow from the top. They'll propagate themselves down, then you’ll have the berries, and then you can bring that inside, treat it well, and keep it in a sunny window. And rotate it over winter so that you have a really good healthy plant to put out. Once it's it's warm enough to do so.

Gary Crawford: [00:01:27] OK so Olivia I know you have been itching to tell us what you claim is an interesting factoid about strawberries so go ahead with it.

Olivia Banks: [00:01:36] Strawberries each berry contains 200 seeds.

[00:01:41] Let me go over here then. I'm going to. She's got a strawberry here. So we're going to go over to. This is Dana White she's helping Olivia with the strawberry presentation. You heard what she said. Each Strawberry has exactly 200 seeds.

Gary Crawford: [00:01:55] So you got a strawberry there. So Just start counting.

Gary Crawford: [00:02:03] Okay while she's counting. We'll keep talking. OK so Olivia we don't have time to get into all the fine points of growing the strawberries so where can we go to get more information about that.

Olivia Banks: [00:02:14] You can always visit the USDA garden Web site the people's garden and you'll find information on the people's garden Web site about propagating strawberries.

Gary Crawford: [00:02:23] Or you contact your local extension office. Find out how to grow some of your own strawberries.

Olivia Banks: [00:02:28] What a great thing to have that on your windowsill and you feel like a fresh strawberry. You can just pluck it and all of it is deliciousness.

Gary Crawford: [00:02:35] You know what. I almost forgot. Dana is over there counting those seeds.

Dana White: [00:02:40] 197. 198 199. 199?

Gary Crawford: [00:02:46] Maybe you miscounted. Start again OK.

Dana White: [00:02:49] Oh my goodness. One. two. Three. Four.