



This what home  
tastes like!





## Get to know our passion!

It's what drives us every day. Our passion is being able to grow regional fruits and vegetables, fresh and healthy. It's what inspires us and enables us to continue to deliver such a high quality product.

It all started in 1979, with the simple idea of a self-picking Strawberry field. Today we offer a wide variety of asparagus along with different seasonal berries. But one thing is for sure, we never lost sight of our goal; to value what we grow! Fresh from the field for the region, from the region... you really cant get any better then that!

This has been possible only with a committed and well-functioning team. Our employees are a part of one big family, we are all just as important and we appreciate the hard work of all our staff. We are lucky, a lot of our employees have been working with us for decades.



It is a matter of the heart to us, to protect the environment and act sustainably and pass those values on from generation to generation. We are committed to protect what we value.

We are happy to welcome you to our self-picking strawberry fields or one of our sale booths.

Your team from Erdbeerland Funck.





Erdbeerland Funck is prepared for the future: with Rebecca Funck and Alexander Seiler as management, with their combined experiences they take over Erdbeerland.

The next generation is involved heavily in the business. Rebecca Funck, the daughter of Peter Funck and Kathrin Heckel-Funck, takes over the responsibilities for the sales stands.

Alexander Seiler is new and responsible for the self picking fields and the strawberries. His expertise pays off; the natural quality of the strawberries is increased again.

The strawberries have long established themselves. The product range is being expanded; Asparagus is coming to the region of Eisenberg. A risk back then- today an absolute pleasure. Success is not long in coming. To increase marketability, the sales stands are being added, which are still vital today.

The idea matured while he was studying agricultural science. In the late 70s, Peter Funck implemented the idea. Together with his wife Kathrin Heckel-Funck not only are the strawberries planted, but also the first self-picking strawberry field is brought to life. The foundation stone for Erdbeerland Funck has been laid. Little did he know that more than 40 years later, this concept will be more up to date than ever.

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## Quality through handwork!

Would you like a vitamin-c boost that is extremely tasty and versatile? Erdbeerland Funck is where to find it. Our strawberries grow from April until October, thanks to various plant processes.

We have an early sort of strawberries that we grow in glass houses surrounded by foil. The strawberries inside grow on little dams. Here we rely on manual work to always guarantee the best quality: planting in the ground, removing exhausted blooms, our employees diligently remove runners and old leaves. The same applies to daily ventilation to avoid a fungus infestation. The advantage is obvious: we can reduce the use of crop protection products to a bare minimum.



We also grow the sweet fruit outdoors. The plants are planted by hand on small ridges or in the flat ground before being harvested from the middle of may as a delicious treat. As soon as the nights get too cold, we cover the strawberries that are exposed to the weather with warm fleece.

A new process at Erdbeerland Funck this year is the ever-growing strawberry plant. We plant those plants in garden high beds in february. Then by april we start to see the first ripe fruit. They grow new blossoms over and over, so that we can harvest fresh and juicy strawberries until october.



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## The agony of choice!

Gijnlim, Backlim, Ramires, Vitalim or should it be Raffaello? As beautiful as the names sound, the asparagus varieties we grow at Erdbeerland Funck, are just as delicious. Whether you like white or green: the difference lies above all in the cultivation. The white asparagus grows underground, the green one matures above the ground and gets its colour from the light.

Probably everyone knows the dams around our Erdbeerland. They are about 50 cm high and allow the white asparagus to grow. In order to do this correctly, the temperature in the ground must have reached 12 degrees Celsius first. From there on, controlling the temperature under the foil is important. We place great value on reaching a constant temperature of 20 degrees in the dam. We control that, by turning the foil. If the black side lies on top, the temperature in the dam rises; if the white one is on top instead, the temperature goes down. Daily we decide which side we choose to place on top. This is how we guarantee our customers a consistently good quality of low-calorie and tasty asparagus.



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## Both of them are delicious!

Healthy, tasty, varied; Blueberries and raspberries have all these qualities in common. Differences become clear in cultivation and yield.

The raspberry with the sonorous name va-jolet is planted and set up in the tunnel in february. It ripens early so that the harvest can begin at the end of may. The two rods

of each plant quickly develop side shoots so that harvest is possible until july. The blue-berries require more time. Like asparagus, it takes about five years for the plants to reach full yield. The blueberry, which grows in large pots, has a lifespan of 20 years. It is important that the acidic soil always has the right PH value and is supplied with the right nutrients.





## Our greatest asset!

The environment is a subject close to our hearts. This love has been passed on from generation to generation. Erdbeerland Funck relies on a healthy eco system.

What we do:



We use natural resources for fertilization. We also make sure to use mostly recycled water for irrigation. Our goal is to only irrigate our fields with rainwater.



We offer our asparagus in environmentally friendly paper bags. However, paper softens after a certain time. This is how you can help: bring your own container when you come to us to the sales stand. We support your environmental commitment, by getting a stamp each time. Did you collect all 15 stamps? Great! You will receive an asparagus peeler for free.



The farm as a place to learn: Whether it's a kindergarden group or a school class - you are welcomed to our strawberry fields! We'll show you, how and where our native fruits grow. While you can pick and snack. Lessons can be so exciting!



We participate in agricultural environment programmes. For example, we cultivate 10% of the cultivated area in the form of legumes (among other non-GMO soy). This way we improve the soil structure and develop natural raw materials.



Furthermore, we convert fields into meadowland. This is how we maintain soil fertility, beautify the landscape, and avoid water and wind erosion. This also create habitats for meadowland species. .



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## We protect what we value!

We protect the world we live in-as we only have one. That's why we respect and value the environment and all animals.

**Climate Protection:** We rely on regionality, on short transport routes and a sophisticated logistics network. This is how we make our contribution to climate protection.

**Insect protection & biodiversity:** there is always something going on here. It's not just our friendly visitors, who frolic around us but in the flowering season we also have insects and bees on our fields. We are also there for them when the blooming season is over. On 22 acres we provide an Insect hotel and plenty of flowers. We support biodiversity and create protective breeding and refugee areas for wild animals and insects.

**#funckybee-This is how you can help!** The flowers are absolutely valuable and essential for survival for our domestic insects. With every purchase of one of our #funckybee-bags, you can support our mission! Every purchase goes 100% towards creating a flower field. This is how we can have even more high-quality flower mixtures.

**Animal welfare:** We love animals! There are animals living at Erdbeerland Funck as well; Tobi the dog as an example. He is part of the family and has full run of the lands, except he isn't allowed to visit the sheep. We adopted the sheep from a fellow farmer because he couldn't care for them any longer. They have settled in well and are very comfortable living with us.



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# Snacking allowed!

It doesn't get any fresher than this. There is always something going on in our strawberry self-picking fields. With a bucket in hand both young and old can pick their favourite fruit. This makes picking strawberries a great experience, especially for children, that can snack on the strawberries while they pick. Numerous delicacies can be prepared at home with this sweet fruit. Cake, preserves, Jam, or a refreshing smoothie. The imagination knows no limits!

How it's done:

- 🍓 Bring a container (or even better, a bucket with a handle!) Don't have a bucket? You can purchase one from us!
- 🍓 Have the empty container weighed and get started!
- 🍓 Pick strawberries with the stalk and sepals-this way they stay juicy for a particularly long time.

Craving for strawberries?  
Here you can find our fields  
for self-picker:



Opening hours for self-picker during harvest time: every day from 8 to 18 o'clock (also on Sundays and Holidays)



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## Fresh and friendly!

Erdbeerland Funck always has the freshest fruits, with the biggest smiles from all our staff.

Our sales stands are extremely popular year after year and have many varieties of asparagus, delivered directly from the field, peeled or not peeled. Sweet red strawberries-including special ones, which are picked to order for special occasions such

as a wedding cake. Lovers of raspberries and blueberries will also find what they are looking for at the sales stands. Homemade jelly, Strawberry Secco, Strawberry Wine, other delicacies complete the wide range of offers.

Sounds tasty? Because it is! We are looking forward to your visit to one of our sales stands located in the region of Saarpfalz.



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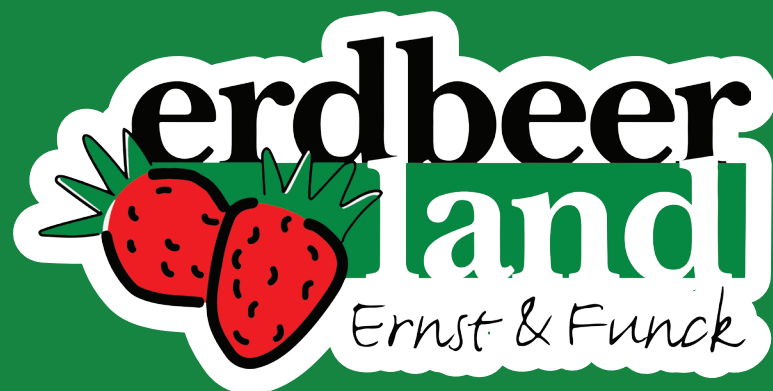
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