

## Part Five

Berries should be chilled to slow the growth of most harmful bacteria and viruses and chilling helps to preserve the quality of the berries. The Reds should take the berries home to refrigerate below 41°F within 2 hours before they run errands. They could have also planned ahead and brought a cooler with ice to keep the berries chilled on the way home.

Supported by N.C. Cooperative Extension and the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.