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Farmers' Market Recipes



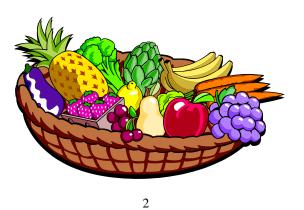
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EAT 5 A DAY

Did You Know..... That eating 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day is one of the most important ways you can help maintain your health?

- \Rightarrow 1 medium piece of fruit
- \Rightarrow 1/2 cup of cut up fruit
- \Rightarrow 3/4 cup 100% fruit or vegetable juice
- \Rightarrow 1/4 cup dried fruit or vegetables
- \Rightarrow 1/2 cup raw or cooked vegetables
- \Rightarrow 1 cup raw leafy vegetables

For more information on freezing, canning and drying fruits and vegetables, contact the Alaska Cooperative Extension service at 1-888-823-3663.



Vegetable Lasagna

Vegetable cooking spray 1 teaspoon oregano 1 small onion, chopped 1 teaspoon basil 1 carrot, chopped Salt & pepper to taste 3 cloves garlic, minced 3 cups small broccoli florets 2 cups of mushrooms, chopped 9 lasagna noodles 1 stalk celery, chopped 1 cup low-fat cottage cheese 2 cups low-fat shredded mozzarella (3/4 lbs) 1 16oz can low-sodium tomato paste 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese 1 cup water 1 16 oz can low-sodium chunky tomatoes

Coat large saucepan with vegetable cooking spray, add onion and cook until tender. Stir in carrot, garlic, mushrooms and celery and cook for 5 minutes; stirring often. Mix tomato paste with water. Add tomatoes, tomato paste mixture, oregano, bail, salt and pepper. Simmer, uncovered for 10 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir in broccoli and continue cooking.

In a large pot of boiling water, cook noodles until al dente; drain and rinse under cold water. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat a 13"x9" baking pan, with cooking spray. Arrange 3 noodles evenly over bottom; spread with 1/2 vegetable mixture, then half of the cottage cheese. Repeat layering procedure again. Arrange remaining noodles over top; sprinkle with remaining mozzarella and parmesan cheeses. Bake 35-45 minutes or until bubbly.



Tomato Soup

tablespoon oil
 medium onion, chopped
 stalks celery, chopped
 carrot ,chopped
 3/4 teaspoon oregano

1 1/2 teaspoons basil4 cups cut-up fresh tomatoes2-3 cups hot vegetable stock3/4 teaspoon saltPepper to taste

In a big soup pot, sauté onion in oil, adding celery and carrot when the onions are partly cooked. Continue cooking mixture until the onions are soft. Add oregano, basil and tomatoes to the pot and simmer gently until tomatoes are very soft. If you want a smooth creamy texture, puree soup (using a food mill for pureeing will remove the tomatoes seed and skins, making a velvety soup). Add the hot stock, adjusting the amount to get the quantity and thickness you want. Bring to a boil and simmer on low heat for 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Cream of Tomato Soup

Decrease oregano to 1/4 teaspoon Decrease basil to 1/2 teaspoon A little extra salt.

Blend 1 cup dried milk with part of the stock. Pour back into the pot, add salt and pepper and heat thoroughly (but don't boil).

Makes about 8 cups





Nutrition and Health

- $\Rightarrow\,$ There are many varieties of berries in Alaska that grow both in gardens and in the wild.
- \Rightarrow Berries are very good sources of vitamins A and C and fiber.
- \Rightarrow Blackberries are a fair source of folate.

Selection

Choose blemish-free berries that have a good color. Check container well for berries that may have mold or bruised spots.

Storage

Store fresh berries unwashed in the refrigerator. Fresh berries will only keep for a few days. Handle gently, as they bruise easily.

Preparation

Fresh berries should be enjoyed right away since they spoil easily. Rinse berries well before eating. Berries can easily be preserved for later use by freezing, drying, canning and preserving as jellied products. To freeze, place dry fresh berries in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Put the cookie sheet in the freezer. When berries are frozen, pour them into plastic bags or containers. Seal tightly, label with berry name and date, and return to the freezer. Fruit Shake



1/2 cup fresh or frozen berries3 tablespoons orange juice

1 cup cold milk 1/2 frozen banana

Blend all ingredients together until smooth. Pour into a glass and serve.

Note: Peel banana before freezing.

Makes 1 serving



Berry Crisp

1/2 cup rolled oats1/2 cup all purpose flour1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 cup maple syrup3 cups mixed fresh or frozen berries2 tablespoons lemon juice

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large non-stick frying pan over medium heat, toast the oats by stirring until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a medium bowl. Add flour and cinnamon; toss to combine. Drizzle with the maple syrup and stir with a fork until crumbly.

Coat a 9" pie plate with non-stick spray. Add the berries and lemon juice and toss to combine. Sprinkle the oatmeal mixture on top. Cover with foil. Bake for 20 minutes, or until the berries are bubbly. Remove the foil and bake for about 5 minutes more, or until the topping is lightly browned.

Makes 6 servings

Curried Vegetable Salad

6 oz plain yogurt2 med1 tablespoon bottled chutney1 smat1 teaspoon curry powder1/4 teaspoon salt1 small green bell pepper, chopped (about1/2 cup)2 medium tomatoes, chopped (about 1 1/2 cups)

2 medium cucumbers, thinly sliced 1 small onion, chopped (about 1/4 cup)

Mix yogurt, chutney, curry powder and salt in a large bowl; toss remaining ingredients with the yogurt mixture. Cover and refrigerate at least 8 hours but no longer than 24 hours. Sprinkle with flaked or shredded coconut, if desired.

Chutney can be found in the condiment aisle in your local grocery store. Makes 6 servings



Tomato Relish

2 medium tomatoes, finely chopped 1/2 cup cider vinegar

1/2 med. onion, minced 2 teaspoon sugar

2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves (or 2 teaspoon dried crushed basil leaves)

In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Relish may be used at once or stored in a sealed refrigerator container up to 1 week. Serve with grilled meat, poultry or fish.

Makes 4 servings

Salt and pepper to taste

Skillet Zucchini with Chopped Tomatoes

teaspoon soft margarine
 small onions, chopped
 small zucchini, thinly sliced

2 medium tomatoes, chopped* 1 small can mild green chilies* Black pepper

In a large nonstick skillet, melt margarine over medium heat; add onions and cook, stirring until softened. Add zucchini and cook for 2 minutes. Add tomatoes (and can of chilies, if used) and cook for 3-5 minutes or until zucchini is tender crisp. Season to taste with pepper.

*(1 15 oz can of Mexican or Italian style tomatoes, can be substituted for fresh tomatoes and canned chilies)

Makes 4 servings

Cucumber-Tomato Salad

1 medium cucumber	1/2 cup plain yogurt
1 medium tomato, chopped (about 3/4 cup)	1/4 teaspoon salt
1 green onion w/top, chopped	1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons snipped parsley	

Cut cucumber lengthwise into halves. Scoop out seeds; cut cucumber into 1/2" pieces. Mix cucumber, tomato, onion and parsley. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours, but no longer than 24 hours. Mix yogurt, salt and cumin. Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours, but no longer than 24 hours.

Drain vegetables; fold in yogurt mixture. Garnish with additional chopped cucumber and tomatoes if desired.

Makes 4 servings



Berry Muffins

2 cups flour 1 tablespoon baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 1 cup milk 1 egg, well beaten 1/4 cup oil



1/4 cup sugar

1 1/2 cups berries

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Mix flour, baking powder and salt together. Stir in sugar.

In a separate bowl, combine milk eggs and oil. Add to dry ingredients. Stir just enough to wet the dry items. Stir in berries. Batter should be lumpy. Pour batter into greased muffin tins or use muffin papers, filling 2/3 full. Bake for 15-20 minutes.

Makes 12 serving



Sauce

2 cups fresh blueberries 1/4 cup water Dash nutmeg 1/4 cup sugar1 tablespoon cornstarch

Combine all ingredients in a 2-quart saucepan; mix well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils and thickens (5-7 minutes). Cool completely. Serve over Angel food cake, pancakes or waffles.

Cranberry Sauce

4 cups lowbush cranberries 1/2 cup water 3 cups sugar

Place ingredients in saucepan. Mix well. Bring to fast rolling boil, until it gels on a spoon, approximately 20 minutes. Chill before serving with any meat dish. Store in the refrigerator for not more than one month.

Alaska Blueberry Pie



1 cup sugar
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 tablespoon butter
 2/3 cup cold water
 1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
 1 1/2 cups blueberries

Sugar to taste 1 cup whipping cream *9-inch pie crust (recipe below)

1 1/2 cups blueberries 2 tablespoons cornstarch (if using frozen berries, increase to 2 1/2 tablespoons)

Cook the first 7 ingredients in a medium sized saucepan over medium heat until mixture is thick. Fold in the blueberries and cool mixture.

Whip the whipping cream and sugar to taste. Fold in the 1 1/2 ups of blue berries. Spread whipped cream mixture on the bottom of the pie shell. When ready to serve, spoon the blueberry mixture carefully over the cream leaving the cream uncovered around the edge.

*Could use one 9" frozen or refrigerated pie crust. If using frozen crust, bake before filling.

Easy Pie Crust

1 cup all purpose flour 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 cup shortening 1/2 ice cold water

Preheat 425 degrees. In a large bowl, combine flour and salt. Cut in shortening, using two knives, until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in water until mixture forms a ball. Shape dough into a ball, wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Roll out dough on a floured countertop (don't overwork or it will become tough!). Place in pie pan and bake for 15-18 minutes or until golden brown.

Makes 1 9" pie crust.





3 large tomatoes, seeded & chopped 1 medium onion (mild or sweet), chopped 1 tablespoon lime juice or juice from 1 lim 1/2-1 teaspoon salt (to taste)2 fresh jalapeno peppers, chopped *

1 tablespoon lime juice or juice from 1 lime

3 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped (or 1 tablespoon of dried)

Mix all ingredients together. Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour to allow favors to mix

Optional: Try adding 1 cup fresh pineapple or mango (chopped) for a delicious tropical salsa!

*Note: Jalapeños peppers are generally not that hot, unless you buy the small ones (the smaller, the hotter). Removing the seeds will help decrease the heat. *Wear gloves or wash your hands immediately after chopping jalapeno peppers*.

Simple Tomato Salad

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
1/2 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
Black pepper

2 lbs. ripe tomatoes1/2 medium onion, thinly sliced1 cucumber, sliced thinly

Mix olive oil, vinegar, Italian seasoning, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Set aside.

Slice tomatoes in half; squeeze out and discard the seeds. Cut tomatoes into bite-sized chunks and place them in a medium-sized glass or ceramic bowl. Combine tomatoes with onions and cucumbers. Pour oil and vinegar mixture over tomatoes, stir gently. Cover tightly and chill for at least one hour.

Makes 4 - 6 servings



Tomatoes



Nutrition and Health

- \Rightarrow Tomatoes are a good source of vitamins A and C, potassium and fiber.
- \Rightarrow Tomatoes contain nutrients that may help reduce certain types of cancer.

Selection

Tomatoes are no longer just red. New varieties come in golden yellow, purple, white and green.

Ripe tomatoes should be completely colored (whatever color you are buying), have a sweet subtle aroma and give slightly to gentle palm pressure.

Storage

Do not refrigerate whole tomatoes. Cold temperatures cause tomatoes to lose their flavor and change in texture. Store them at room temperate, just as you would bananas. Refrigerate cut tomatoes.

Preparation

Just wash, cut out the steam and they are ready to eat. Tomatoes can also be stuffed, baked, boiled, stewed, pureed, deviled, glazed, pickled, grilled or fried. When tomatoes are plentiful, you might want to consider canning or freezing. Canned tomatoes are great for making soup, chili and spaghetti sauce.

Blueberry Coffee Cake

3/4 cup sugar 1/4 cup margarine 1 egg 1/2 cup milk

3 cups flour 1/2 tablespoon salt 2 tablespoons baking powder 1 cup blueberries, fresh or frozen (if berries are frozen defrost and drain well)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Blend sugar, margarine and egg. Stir in milk. Stir dry ingredients and add to egg mixture. Fold in blueberries. Place in a greased 9x9x3 pan, cover with topping and bake for 45 minutes. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Topping:

1/2 cup sugar 1/2 tablespoon cinnamon

1/3 cup flour 1/4 cup margarine

Sift dry ingredients together and cut in margarine, until it resembles crumbs.





Nutrition and Health

- \Rightarrow Broccoli is an excellent source of vitamins A and C, folate and fiber.
- \Rightarrow Broccoli is a cruciferous vegetable, which can help prevent certain types of cancer.
- \Rightarrow Children like to eat the little "trees".

Selection

Choose broccoli that has dark green buds with no signs of yellow. The stalks should be firm, not limp.

Storage

Put unwashed broccoli in a plastic bag in the refrigerator crisper. Broccoli can be stored for about 3 days.

Preparation

Wash broccoli well and remove stalk leaves with a paring knife. Broccoli can be eaten raw in a salad or dipped in a lowfat dip. Broccoli can be eaten lightly cooked in a stir fry or steamed until tender-crisp. Broccoli is also a good addition to casseroles.

Winter Salad

2 medium potatoes (red if possible)
3 cups broccoli florets (peel and slice stems)
1 bunch scallions, sliced thin
1-2 tablespoon olive
2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds

1/4 minced fresh ginger (optional)
1/2 teaspoon honey
3/4 - 1 teaspoon salt
3 or more tablespoons vinegar (to taste)

Quarter potatoes and steam only until tender. Steam broccoli briefly, until just tender. Place potatoes, broccoli and scallions in a bowl. Combine olive oil, sesame seeds, ginger (if used), honey, salt and vinegar. Pour over potatoes and broccoli and toss lightly. Serve warm or chilled.



Bacon, Cheese & Tomato-Topped Potatoes

*2 large baking potatoes (baked and slightly cooled) 1/4 teaspoon of salt

4 tablespoons low-fat sour cream 1 medium tomato, chopped

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil leaves 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese 2 slices crisply cooked bacon, crumbled

Prepare grill; heat until coals are ash white. Cut each potato in half lengthwise. Scoop out about 1 tablespoon of pulp from each potato (discard or save for another use). Sprinkle each potato half with salt and top with 1 tablespoon sour cream and 1/4 tomatoes, basil, cheese and crumbled bacon. Place potatoes on grill over medium heat until heated through (10-12 minutes).

*Cut a thin slice from the bottom of potato to give flat surface to stand upright. Microwave potatoes until just tender (10-12 minutes) or bake at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes.

Tips:

Potatoes can be assembled several hours ahead, then refrigerated and reheated just before serving.

Makes 4 servings

Sweet Potato Salad

2 cups cubed cooked sweet potatoes	2 tablespoons mayonnaise
1/2 cup chopped green pepper	1/4 cup yogurt
1/2 chopped celery	Zest and juice of 1 lemon
3 scallions, sliced thin	1/4 t salt
1/2 cup chopped walnuts	pinch of dried ground ging

of 1 lemon ground ginger

Place sweet potato, green pepper, celery, scallions and walnuts in a small bowl. Stir together mayonnaise, yogurt, lemon zest and juice (3 tablespoons), salt and ginger. Combine with sweet potato mixture and adjust salt, lemon and ginger to taste.

Makes 4 servings

Garden Frittata

2 tablespoons butter 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 1 cup chopped broccoli 1/2 cup shredded carrot 2 green onions, sliced

4 eggs, beaten 1/2 cup water 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil leaves 1/2 cup Monterey Jack Cheese with jalapeno peppers, sliced

Melt butter with garlic powder in a 8" or 9" skillet; add broccoli, carrot and green onions. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until crisply tender (4-5 minutes). Stir together eggs, water and salt in a medium bowl; add to vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with basil. Cover; cook over medium heat until center is almost set (4-6 minutes). Sprinkle with cheese. Cover; remove from heat. Let stand until cheese is melted (2-3 minutes). To serve, cut into wedges. Garnish with sliced peppers, if desired.



Marinated Broccoli

3 bunches broccoli, without stems 3 tablespoons beef bouillon 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar 1 teaspoon garlic powder 1 teaspoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon oil 1 tablespoon dried dill weed 2 tablespoons red wine 1 teaspoon Mrs. Dash or Spike seasoning

Separate broccoli into florets. Combine remaining ingredients in blender. Blend until mixed well. Pour over broccoli and marinate 4 to 24 hours. Before serving, pour off marinade and garnish with fresh dill if desired.

Broccoli Cheese Potato

4 hot baked potatoes 2 1/2 cups nonfat cottage cheese 2 cups cooked broccoli florets 1/2 cup sliced green onion4 tablespoons grated mozzarella cheese

Cut baked potatoes in half lengthwise. Using a spoon, scoop out the inside of the potato and combine with cottage cheese, broccoli and green onion. Place filling back into potato skins and top with mozzarella. Microwave for 2 minutes or until filling is hot and cheese is melted.

Makes 8 servings



Broccoli Soup

1 1/2 cups chopped broccoli	2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 cup diced celery	1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup chopped onion	dash pepper
1 cup chicken or vegetable broth	dash ground thyme
2 cups nonfat milk	1/4 cup grated mozzarella cheese

Place vegetables and broth in saucepan. Bring to boil, reduce heat, cover and cook until vegetables are tender, about 8 minutes. Mix milk, cornstarch, salt, pepper and thyme; add to cooked vegetables. Cook, stirring constantly, until soup is slightly thick and mixture just begins to boil. Remove from heat. Add cheese and stir until melted.

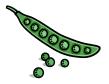
Makes 4 servings



Creamed Peas and New Potatoes

1 1/2 lbs tiny new potatoes2 cups shelled peas1/4 cup sliced onion2 tablespoon margarine

1 tablespoon flour 1/4 teaspoon salt dash pepper 1 cup low-fat milk



Wash potatoes. In a large pan boil potatoes in water until tender; drain and set aside Using the same pot boil peas in water until tender; drain and set aside. Cook onion in margarine until tender. Stir in flour, salt and pepper; slowly add milk. Cook and stir until thick and bubbly. Cook and stir 1-2 minutes more. Combine potatoes, peas and sauce.

Makes 4-6 servings

Roasted Potatoes

6 large potatoes, shredded1 medium onion, chopped4 slices bacon, diced small

Salt, pepper and nutmeg to taste 2 tablespoons butter

Place onions and potatoes in a colander to dry and then squeeze it in batches between your hands to get out as much of the liquid as possible. Mix potatoes and onions with bacon and seasoning. Heat 1 tablespoon of butter in a oven-proof pan until foamy and swirl to cover pan completely. Lay potato mixture into pan and press to form a cake. Turn down heat and cook for 1/2 hour, covered, shaking pan often until potatoes are golden brown in the bottom. Spread the rest of the butter on the top and bake at 350 degrees for another 30 minutes. Turn to broil and cook until golden brown on top.

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Oven Wedge Fries

2 large potatoes 1 teaspoon olive oil or other vegetable oil

Seasoning Suggestions:

Garlic powder Onion powder or flakes Cayenne red pepper



Chili powder Paprika

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut potatoes into quarters, cut each quarter into wedges. Coat cookie sheet with oil. Lay wedges on the cookie sheet. Place cookie sheet on the oven rack about 7" from the bottom of the oven. Bake for about 7 minutes (or until the bottom and edges start browning). Flip wedges over to the other side and sprinkle seasonings over the top. Bake for another 7 minutes (or until wedges are nicely brown and cooked throughout).

Makes 4 servings

Crushed Red Potatoes with Greens

3 medium red potatoes, cubed (leave skin on) 2 cups chopped Kale 1/4 cup low-fat chicken broth Black pepper to taste

Place potatoes into 3-quart sauce pan and cover with water. Bring to boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer until potatoes are almost tender. Drain. Add remaining ingredients and cook for 2-3 minutes until kale is tender and potatoes absorb broth. Mash potatoes lightly with a fork.

Optional topping: parmesan cheese

Makes 6 servings

Broccoli and Rice Salad

1/2 cup long-grain brown rice 1 teaspoon vegetable oil $1 \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cup} \operatorname{water}$ 1/4 teaspoon salt 1 bunch broccoli (florets cut into small pieces)

1/3 cup raisins 1 carrot, minced 1/3 cup silvered red onion 2 tablespoons minced fresh basil

Dressing

1/3 cup olive oil 1/4 teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar Black pepper to taste 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 2 garlic cloves, pressed or 1 teaspoon chopped garlic

Combine rice, water, oil and salt in a medium size saucepan. Cover and boil; reduce heat to a simmer. Cook until all the water is absorbed, about 45 minutes. Place rice in large serving bowl and cool, then refrigerate until cold.

Steam broccoli florets until tender yet still bright green. Immediately immerse in cold water to stop cooking process. Drain and pat dry. Stir into rice along with raisins, carrots, onions and basil. Combine the ingredients for the dressing in a jar with a tight fitting lid. Shake vigorously, pour over salad. Toss to coat. Let marinate for 30 minutes, before serving.

1/4 cup skim milk

Broccoli with Mushroom Sauce

2 cups broccoli florets 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms 2 tablespoons low fat cream of mushroom soup

Place ingredients into microwave dish and stir. Microwave on high for 4-5 minutes or until broccoli is tender and sauce is hot.



Broccoli Calzones

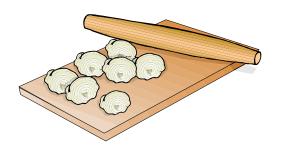
2 tablespoons olive oil (plus additional for dou
4 cups finely chopped broccoli
2 tablespoons water
2 garlic cloves, minced
1-15 oz can Italian Style diced tomatoes
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

bugh) 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
Black pepper to taste
1 box Jiffy pizza dough mix
1 slice Provolone (each cut into 6 pieces)
1 slice Mozzarella (each cut into 6 pieces)
1 large egg

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. Sauté broccoli for 2 minutes, add water, cover and cook for 5 minutes. Remove cover and stir in garlic, tomatoes, oregano, basil and pepper. Cook over high heat uncovered until liquid evaporates, about 2 minutes. Place in bowl and let cool to room temperature.

Prepare Jiffy pizza dough according to directions. Divide dough into 6 pieces of equal size. Roll each piece into a ball. Using a rolling pin flatten each ball into a 6" circle. Brush top of each circle with olive oil to within 1/2" of the edge. With your fingers, rub the outer edges of the dough circles with some water to help the calzones seal. On the bottom half of each calzone, place 1 slice of provolone, top with 1/6 broccoli filling and add 1 slice of mozzarella. Fold the dough over to make a half-moon and pinch the edges to seal. Beat egg with 1 teaspoon water. Brush the top of each calzone with egg mixture. Place the calzones on a baking sheet and cook 25 minutes or until golden brown. Let sit 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 servings





Nutrition and Health

- \Rightarrow A medium sized potato has less than 100 calories and is naturally low in fat.
- \Rightarrow Potatoes are a good source of vitamin C and fiber (especially the skin)
- \Rightarrow Potatoes also provide vitamin B-1, niacin, potassium, iron and other nutrients

Selection

Potatoes come in many shapes, sizes and colors, including red, white, blue and gold. Select potatoes that are fairly clean, firm and smooth. Avoid green potatoes, they could be toxic. If your potato has green spots, simply cut them off; the rest of the potato should be fine to eat.

Storage

Store potatoes in a cool, humid, dark place that's well ventilated. The ideal temperature is 45-50 degrees, potatoes will keep well for several months. Warmer temperatures will cause the potatoes to sprout and shrivel. Avoid refrigeration, as it may change the taste.

Preparation

Potatoes can be baked, boiled, microwaved and fried. Be sure to wash potatoes well before cooking. When baking or microwaving whole potatoes, prick with a fork to let steam escape.

Parsnip-Carrot Gratin Parsnips are a root vegetable that look like carrots. You can substitute turnips or use more carrots

- 3 parsnips, peeled & cut into 1/4" coins
- 3 carrots, peeled and cut into 1/4" coins
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 cup low-fat chicken or vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup water



- 2 tablespoons bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spray an 8" glass casserole dish with oil. Place vegetables in the dish and pour broth & water over vegetables. Sprinkle bread crumbs and parmesan cheese on top. Cover and bake for 45 minutes or until tender.

Makes 4 servings **Recipe from** *Food for Health.*

Carrot Garden Medley

2 cups cut-up carrots or halved baby carrots

1/3 cup water

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup chopped green or red pepper

1 medium (1 cup) summer squash (cut in half lengthwise, cut crosswise into 1/4" slices) 1 medium (1 cup) zucchini (cut in half lengthwise, cut crosswise into 1/4" slices) 1/4 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil leaves or 2 teaspoons dried basil

Combine carrots and water in 2-quart saucepan. Cover; cook over medium heat until carrots are crisp tender (8-10 minutes), drain. Add butter, green or red pepper, squash, zucchini and salt. Cover; stirring occasionally, until squash is crisply tender (6-8 minute). Stir in basil.

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Makes 6-1/2 cup servings





Nutrition and Health

- \Rightarrow Cabbage is a good source of vitamins A and C, and fiber
- ⇒ Cabbage is very low in calories; 1 cup of finely shredded raw cabbage has only 22 calories.
- \Rightarrow Cabbage is also a cruciferous vegetable, which can help prevent certain kinds of cancer

Selection

Choose round, firm heads with tightly packed leaves (some may still have their loose outer leaves). The cabbage head leaves should be crisp not wilted.

Storage

Cabbage can be stored for several months in a cool place with high humidity, such as a crawl space or root cellar. Cabbage can also be stored up to a week, unwashed and uncut, in a plastic bag in the refrigerator crisper.

Preparation

Remove and throw out outer leaves; wash remaining cabbage head. Cabbage can be eaten raw, cooked, or fermented into sauerkraut. Cabbage is best in flavor and nutrition when eaten raw or cooked for a short period of time in a small amount of water. The more you cook cabbage the stronger the odor and flavor becomes. Use raw cabbage instead of lettuce in salads, sandwiches and tacos.



Apple-Cabbage Slaw

3 cups cabbage, shredded2 cups diced apple1 cup celery, sliced diagonallyPineapple Yogurt Dressing1/2 cup onions rings, thinly sliced (optional)

In a large bowl combine cabbage, celery, onions and apples. Gently toss with dressing.

Pineapple-Yogurt Dressing

1/3 cup plain low fat yogurt 2 tablespoons pineapple juice 1/4 teaspoon prepared mustard1/8 teaspoon celery seeds

In a small bowl combine all ingredients.

Makes 6 servings



11b. Bok Choy (Chinese cabbage), about 6 cups
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon soy sauce
Dash ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
1 tablespoon frozen concentrated apple juice
1 tablespoon roasted pumpkin seeds

Chop bok choy into 1-inch slices and shred tops. Combine with remaining ingredients, except pumpkin seeds and place in 2-quart glass baking dish. Cover with vented plastic wrap and microwave on high 3-4 minutes; stirring once. Drain, toss with pumpkin seeds and serve.

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Carrot—Yogurt Salad

3 cups grated fresh carrots 1 cup non-fat vanilla yogurt 2/3 cup raisins 1/4 cup sunflower seeds 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg



Combine all ingredients except nutmeg. Sprinkle top of salad with nutmeg.

Makes 6-8 servings



Apple and Carrot Casserole

6 large carrots5 large apples (cored & thinly sliced)5 tablespoons sugar2 tablespoons flour

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg1 tablespoon margarine1/2 cup orange juice

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Slice carrots thinly and cook in salted water for about 5 minutes; drain. Layer carrots and apple in casserole. Mix sugar, flour and nutmeg; sprinkle on top. Dot with margarine and pour orange juice over casserole. Bake for 30-40 minutes.



Nutrition and Health

 \Rightarrow Carrots are an excellent source of vitamin A.

 \Rightarrow Carrots provide fiber, potassium and vitamin C.

Selection

The best carrots are those that are well-formed, smooth, firm and blemish-free. Avoid carrots that are wilted, floppy or cracked.

Storage

Remove the greens tops before storing. Place carrots in a plastic bag and store in a refrigerator crisper. Carrots taste best when used within 2 weeks, but nutritional value will keep for several weeks. If your carrots are slightly old, perk them up by placing in cold water.

Preparation

Always wash carrots carefully. Carrots may be scraped, pared or cooked with skins on. Skins can be slipped off cooked carrots when held under running water. Cooked carrots can be boiled, steamed, baked, sautéed or stir-fried. Most children prefer their carrots raw; great for dipping in a low-fat dip!

Sweet and Sour Red Cabbage

small head red cabbage (1 lb.) shredded
 med. apple, unpeeled cored & shredded
 small potato, peeled, shredded
 small onion, chopped
 cup water

Grated peel of 1/2 lemon Juice of 1 lemon 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar 3 tablespoons brown sugar

In a large, non-stick skillet cook cabbage, apple, potato, onion and water over low heat for 15 minutes; stirring occasionally. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and cook over low heat 10 minutes; until vegetables are tender and mixture slightly thickens. Stir often.

Makes 6 servings



Red and Green Cabbage Salad

2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup raisins
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 small head red cabbage, grated
1 small head green cabbage, grated

2 tablespoons rice vinegar 2 tablespoons honey 1 teaspoon celery seed 1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients and chill thoroughly to allow flavors to blend.

Dill Cabbage Wedges

1 head (about 1 1/4 lb.) cabbage 1 small onion, chopped 1 carrot, finely chopped 1 tsp. dried dill 2/3 cup defatted chicken stock

Snap off any tough outer leaves from the cabbage and slice off the stem. Cut cabbage in half through core and slice each half into quarters, making 8 wedges. Arrange the wedges in 2 concentric circles in a microwave proof pan (dish will be very full). Sprinkle with onion, carrots and dill. Pour stock over cabbage and cover with plastic wrap and make a small slit to vent. Microwave on high for 8 minutes, turn and cook again for another 8 minutes. Let stand for about 5 minutes to finish cooking. Drain and serve.

Makes 4 servings



Cole Slaw

2 carrots, grated 1 1/4 lb cabbage, coarsely grated (6-8 cups)

Dressing:

3 tablespoons oil 3 tablespoons sugar 3 tablespoons vinegar 1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 onion, chopped fine

1/4 teaspoon celery seed1/3 teaspoon dry mustard or 1 teaspoon prepared mustard

Place carrots, cabbage, and onion in a large bowl. Combine dressing ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over cabbage mixture, tossing to coat. Cover slaw and refrigerate 4 –24 hours. Toss again before serving. Keeps up to 4 days in the refrigerator.

Makes 12 servings

Peppered Cabbage Stew

tablespoon olive oil
 medium yellow onion, diced
 garlic clove, minced
 cup chopped carrots
 cup celery, chopped
 cup diced red potatoes, with skins

1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
2 1/2 cups vegetable or chicken broth
2 cups chopped green cabbage
1/2 cup cooked garbanzo beans
(or other bean)

Heat oil in large pot and cook onion and garlic until onion is clear. Add carrots, celery, potatoes, salt, black pepper, red pepper, and cook until potatoes are tender. Add broth, cabbage and beans; simmer until cabbage is tender (about 7 minutes).

