All About Potatoes

Seasonal Crop Growth



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Nutrient Power Pack

Potatoes contain key nutrients that benefit your health. ½ cup provides the following Daily Value (%DV).

Vitamin A ▶

Less than 2%

More than 20%

◄ Vitamin C

Folate ▶

10-19%

More than 20%

◆ Potassium

Calcium ▶

2-9%

10-19%

∢ Iron

Fiber ▶

10-19%

2-9%

▼ Vitamin K

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Did You Know?

- * Potatoes are an excellent source of **vitamin C** and **potassium**, which promote healthy skin, immune function and a healthy heart. A baked potato has **two times as much** potassium as a banana!
- * Potatoes are also a good source of **fiber**, which promotes digestive health.
- * **Phytochemicals** found in potatoes help maintain healthy cholesterol levels.

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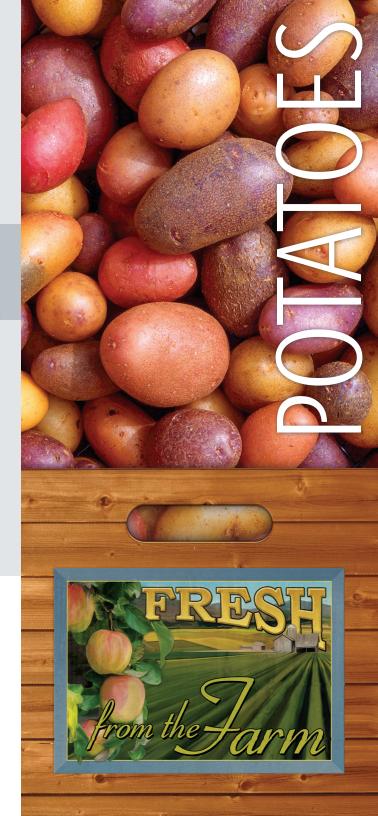
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Selecting and Preparing Potatoes

- Look for potatoes that are firm and fairly smooth. Avoid potatoes with sprouts, green or dark areas, or wrinkled skin.
- os Potatoes will keep for up to two months in a cool, dry, dark place that is well ventilated. Do not refrigerate or wash potatoes before storing.
- Although they can freeze well as part of a stew or other prepared dish, do not freeze uncooked potatoes.
- Scrub potatoes with a vegetable brush before preparing, then cut out any bad spots, sprouts and green areas.
- skin—steam can make your potato 'pop'.
- Always store cooked baked potatoes in the refrigerator. Don't eat potatoes left on the counter overnight as they may be unsafe to eat.

Potato Lasagna

1 egg

1 cup cottage cheese

1 cup spaghetti sauce

4 ounces shredded cheese

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

3 cups sliced baking potatoes

1 teaspoon oregano

Makes 4-6 servings

- 1 Pre-heat oven to 400°F.
- 2 Mix egg, cottage cheese, spaghetti sauce and cheeses.
- 3 Alternate layers of potatoes and sauce mixture in a baking dish. Sprinkle oregano on top.
- 4 Cover with foil and bake for 40 minutes. Uncover and bake for another 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown.
- 5 Let cool 5 minutes before serving. Freeze individual servings in plastic wrap for a quick and easy meal later.

Polish Potato Casserole

Makes 2-3 servings

- 2 teaspoons oil
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 2 large potatoes, thinly sliced
- ½ onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup cabbage, shredded
- 1/4 pound kielbasa*, thinly sliced

 *Kielbasa is a smoked Polish sausage. Try
 using a different smoked sausage—like
 chorizo—for a fun. new taste.

- 1 Pre-heat oven to 350°F.
- 2 In a saucepan, heat oil. Stir in flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Blend in milk and continue to stir until sauce begins to thicken. Remove from heat.
- 3 Lightly grease a casserole dish. Place 1/3 of the potato slices on the bottom. Add 1/2 of the onion slices, then 1/2 of the cabbage and 1/2 of the sausage in layers over the potatoes. Top with a 1/3 of the sauce. Repeat another layer of each, ending with a layer of potatoes and the remaining sauce.
- 4 Cover with foil and bake for 1 hour.

Potato & Egg Salad

8 red potatoes, cubed

5 hard cooked eggs, cooled & chopped

½ cup chopped red or white onion

½ cup chopped celery

34 cup mayonnaise

1½ tablespoons spicy or yellow mustard Black pepper, to taste

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- 1 Place potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with water.2 Bring to a boil. Cook covered until tender but still firm,
- about 8 to 10 minutes.
- 3 Drain potatoes and allow to cool (place in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes).
- 4 Combine potatoes, egg, onion, and celery in a large bowl.
- 5 Stir in mayonnaise and mustard. Add black pepper to taste.