

Try these recipes from the Maine Nutrition Network using fresh Maine foods!

Vegetable and Cheese Casserole

1 tablespoon oil

1 large clove garlic, peeled and minced

2 pounds zucchini or yellow summer squash, cut into ½ inch pieces

6 ounces grated cheese

½ cup chopped onion

2 large tomatoes, chopped

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 cups corn kernels (from

2-3 large ears or frozen kernels)

salt and pepper, to taste

- 1. In a large skillet, heat the oil and add onion. Cook the onion over medium-low heat until the onion is softened.
- 2. Add the garlic, tomatoes, squash and corn, and cook the mixture stirring it for 8-10 minutes or until the squash is tender.
- 3. Reduce the heat to low, stir in the cheese, salt and pepper (if desired), cover the pan, and simmer the casserole for 30 seconds to melt the cheese.

Salsa

2 medium tomatoes, chopped 4 oz. can chopped green chilies 1 cup corn

½ cup chopped onion

1/4 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon chili powder

½ teaspoon sugar

1/4 teaspoon oregano

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper

- 1. Combine all ingredients in a microwave safe container.
- 2. Cover tightly. Microwave on high for 5 minutes or until boiling.

Broccoli Salad – This is a favorite of Maine Nutrition Network staff! *Serves 6*

1 head fresh broccoli (about 1 pound) ½ cup raisins

½ cup low-fat mayonnaise
3 tablespoons sugar
1 ½ teaspoon vinegar
optional: ¼ cup walnuts or ¼ cup chopped red onion. Shredded carrots or chopped apples can also be added.

1 ½ teaspoon low-fat milk

- 1. Wash broccoli, cut heads into florets. Dice stems. Place florets and diced stems in a howl.
- 2. In a small bowl, combine low-fat mayonnaise, sugar, vinegar and low-fat milk. Mix well. Add to diced broccoli.
- 3. Add raisins, walnuts and onions to mixture. Stir to coat all pieces.
- 4. Chill at least two hours before serving.

Cantaloupe Shake

Serves 4

3 cups cubed cantaloupe 8 oz. vanilla low-fat or non-fat yogurt 2 tablespoons sugar 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1 cup crushed ice or cubes

- 1. Place cantaloupe in electric blender. Cover and process until smooth.
- 2. Add yogurt, sugar and nutmeg. Cover and process for 30 seconds.
- 3. Add ice. Cover and process until smooth.
- 4. Serve Immediately! Enjoy!

Twice Baked Potatoes

Serves 4

4 medium potatoes, baked dash of salt and pepper

1 cup low-fat cottage cheese paprika

1/2 cup low-fat milk dried parsley flakes (optional)

1 tablespoon chopped onion

- 1. Cut hot potatoes in half lengthwise. Scoop out potatoes, leaving skins intact for restuffing.
- 2. With a wire whisk beat potatoes with cottage cheese, milk and onion. Spoon the mixture back into skins.
- 3. Sprinkle with paprika and parsley flakes.
- 4. Bake at 375 ° F 10 minutes or until just golden.

Sweet and Sour Cucumbers

½ cup sugar dash salt

½ cup vinegar
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
4 medium cucumbers, sliced thin
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped

1/8 teaspoon celery seeds

1. Combine the first five ingredients in a salad bowl. Stir to mix.

2. Add sliced cucumbers and onions to dressing. Toss and serve.

This keeps well refrigerated for three days. Serve with a slotted spoon.

Pasta Primavera

1 cup fresh or frozen peas ½ cup cherry tomatoes, diced 1 cup broccoli florets, diced ¼ cup Parmesan cheese

½ cup carrots, diced or parsley

½ pound spaghetti, fettuccini or linguine

1. Cook and drain the spaghetti according to package directions.

- 2. Put peas, diced broccoli, squash or zucchini, and carrots into boiling water for two minutes. Remove from heat and drain.
- 3. In a bowl, mix cooked vegetables, tomatoes, Parmesan cheese and Italian dressing.
- 4. Pour over cooked pasta and serve.

Berry Crumble

Serves 6

3 cups fresh blueberries, ½ cup oatmeal

raspberries blackberries ¼ cup white or whole wheat flour

or strawberries 2 tablespoons brown sugar

1/4 cup frozen orange juice, 2 tablespoons margarine, cut into small pieces

1. Preheat oven to 375 ° F.

- 2. Combine first three ingredients in an 8-inch square baking dish. Set aside.
- 3. Combine oats, flour, brown sugar in a bowl; cut in margarine with a pastry blender (or two knives), until mixture resembles coarse meal. Sprinkle over berries.
- 4. Bake for 30 minutes.
- 5. Top with low-fat frozen yogurt. Enjoy!