

Basil



The fragrant leaves of this culinary herb are favored in a wide variety of recipes. Basil now grows in many regions throughout the world, but it was first native to India, Asia and Africa. It is prominently featured in varied cuisines throughout the world including Italian, Thai, and Vietnamese. Fresh basil should be stored in the refrigerator wrapped in a slightly damp paper towel. Since the oils in basil are highly volatile, it is best to add the herb near the end of the cooking process, so it will retain its maximum essence and flavor. This week we are featuring basil from Tahoma

Cherry Tomato & Herb Omelet

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/4- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons red onions, chopped finely
- 1 teaspoon jalapenos, chopped finely
- 1 teaspoon capers, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 10 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2 tablespoons parmesan cheese salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- parsley, to garnish

Combine all the ingredients, except the sour cream. Heat a small nonstick skillet (or omelet pan) and pour in olive oil. Swirl pan to coat with the oil. Heat the broiler. Pour half the egg mixture into the skillet and cook until set underneath, about 1-2 minutes. Lift sides of omelet with a spatula to check doneness. Place the pan under the broiler and cook until omelet is golden on top, about 2 minutes (watch carefully!). Fold omelet in half and remove to serving plate. Repeat with remaining mixture. Top each with sour cream. Garnish with parsley.

From www.food.com.

Tomato-Basil Couscous

- 3 cups cooked couscous
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 medium cucumber, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch pieces
- 1 cup cooked chickpeas
- 1 lemon, cut in half
- 1 lime, cut in half
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- fine grain sea salt
- freshly ground pepper
- 1/3 cup basil, chopped
- 1/3 cup feta cheese, crumbled

Combine the couscous, tomatoes, cucumber, and chickpeas in a large bowl. Lori - squeezes the lemon and lime juice directly into the bowl, so start by giving a good squeeze of lemon and lime juice into the bowl, add the olive oil, and some salt and pepper. Toss well, taste, and adjust with more of the above until it tastes just right. Add the basil and feta and toss gently until it is evenly dispersed.

From www.101cookbooks.com.

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Green Beans	Inaba (Wapato, WA)	169
Lacinato Kale	Tahoma Farms (Orting, WA)	20
Celery	Tahoma Farms (Orting, WA)	20
Sungold Cherry Tomatoes	Tahoma Farms (Orting, WA)	20
Basil	Tahoma Farms (Orting, WA)	20

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THIS WEEK'S RECIPES

Ricotta Pasta with Spinach

12 ounces pasta, any kind you like
2 tablespoons butter
1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
1/3 cup grated fresh Parmesan
Salt and pepper to taste
One bunch spinach, well washed and stemmed

Cook the pasta according to package directions and drain, reserving 1/2 cup of the hot pasta cooking water. Transfer the pasta to a serving container, toss with 1 1/2 tablespoons of the butter or margarine, and cover. In a mixing bowl, combine the ricotta with the reserved pasta cooking water and stir until well blended. Stir into the pasta along with the Parmesan, and season with salt and pepper. Cover and steam the spinach using just the water clinging to the leaves in the same pot used to cook the pasta. This should take only a minute or two. Drain the spinach well and chop coarsely. Transfer to a small serving bowl and toss with the remaining 1/2 tablespoon butter or margarine. Serve at once, topping each serving with some of the steamed spinach. Serves 4. From www.care2.com.



Simple Soba with Lacinato Kale

1 bunch lacinato kale - washed and chopped
12 ounces soba noodles
1/2 teaspoon minced garlic (or to taste)
2 tablespoons toasted sesame oil (or to taste)
2 tablespoons tamari soy sauce (or to taste)
2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds

Place a large pot of salted water to boil over high heat. Wash and trim kale as needed. Hold in bunch form and thinly slice remaining stems and leaves. Place in large bowl of cold water and swish to remove any remaining grit. Once water has come to a rolling boil, add soba pasta and cook for 3 minutes less than the package instructs. Add kale to the boiling pasta, pressing down with the back of a large spoon as kale likes to float. Continue cooking, uncovered until kale and pasta are tender, about 5 minutes or so. Drain pasta and kale. In a large mixing bowl, add minced garlic, toasted sesame oil, tamari and sesame seeds. Add kale and soba, toss to combine and give it a taste test. Add more goodies if necessary. Serve hot or at room temperature. From www.organicvalley.coop.

Beans with Blue Cheese & Walnuts

3/4—1 pound green beans, trimmed
1/4 cup water
2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/3 cup crumbled blue cheese
1/3 cup toasted chopped walnuts

Bring beans and water to a boil in a large skillet. Reduce heat to a simmer, cover, and cook until the beans are just tender, 3 min. Uncover and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until the water has evaporated, 3-4 min. more. Add oil, salt, and pepper to the pan and cook, stirring, 1 min. Transfer the beans to a large bowl and toss with blue cheese until well coated. Sprinkle each serving with walnuts. From www.eatingwell.com.

Ginger Chicken with Cucumber-Spinach Salad

4 chicken breast halves, pounded to 1/4 inch thick
2 scallions, trimmed and thinly sliced
1 3-inch piece fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced
1 lime, halved
1/4 cup olive oil
1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons lemon juice
3 cups baby spinach
1 small cucumber, seeded and thinly sliced (about 2/3 cup)
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 red chili pepper, seeded and thinly sliced

In a large bowl, combine the chicken, scallions, half the ginger, the juice from the lime, half the oil, 1 teaspoon of the salt, and half the ground pepper. Toss to combine well and set aside for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, combine the rest of the ginger and the juiced lime halves. Add an inch of water, place a large steamer basket in the pan, and bring to a boil. Remove the chicken from the marinade and place in the steamer in a single layer. Steam until cooked through, about 5 minutes, flipping once halfway through. Remove to a plate and cover to keep warm. In a large bowl, whisk together the lemon juice and the remaining oil, salt, and pepper. Add the spinach, cucumber, red onion, and chili pepper. Toss well. Serve topped with the Cucumber-Spinach Salad. From www.realsimple.com.

Storage and Preparation Tips

- ◆ **Green Beans:** Store in a plastic bag in the fridge. Wash before use. When cooking beans, cook them a minimal amount of time (steaming or stir-frying works best). Beans should retain a bright color when cooked.
- ◆ **Lacinato Kale:** Place unwashed kale in a plastic bag and keep it in the vegetable crisper of your refrigerator for up to a week. Wash well before use. Kale can be steamed, blanched, boiled, braised, stir-fried, or sautéed. For an extra boost of nutrition, try mincing kale add adding to green salads, soups, sauces, or even fruit smoothies.
- ◆ **Celery:** Refrigerate celery in a plastic bag for a week or more. Celery is susceptible to freezing so don't store in the back of the refrigerator where it is coolest. Wash before use.

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