Acorn/Butternut Squash

Key Points

- For the best buy, choose butternut or acorn squash that are heavy and have smooth skins.
- To prepare squash, rinse and cut squash in half or quarters. Use a spoon to scoop out the seeds and then peel the squash.
- To keep fresh, store in a cool, dry place for up to 3 months.
- Squash contains potassium, which is good for a healthy heart.

Winter Squash Sauté

Ingredients:

1 acorn or butternut squash, about 2 pounds 2 tablespoons soft tub margarine 1 onion, chopped

Salt and black pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. Cut squash in quarters. Scoop out the seeds. Peel and cut into small cubes.
- 2. In a large frying pan, melt the margarine over medium heat.
- 3. Add the onions to the frying pan. Cook 2 minutes, stirring often.
- 4. Add the squash to the frying pan. Cover and cook until the squash is tender, about 20 minutes.
- 5. Add salt and black pepper to taste. Enjoy!
- 6. Refrigerate leftovers.

Makes 8 servings.

Winter Squash with **Apple Juice Glaze**

Ingredients:

1 acorn or butternut squash, about 2 pounds

- 3 tablespoons soft tub margarine
- 1 1/2 cups apple juice
- 2 tablespoons pancake syrup 1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional) 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg (optional) Salt and black pepper to taste

Directions:

- 1. Cut squash in quarters. Scoop out the seeds. Peel and cut into small cubes.
- 2. In a large frying pan or pot, melt the margarine over medium heat.
- 3. Add the squash, apple juice, syrup, cinnamon and nutmeg to the pan. Bring to a boil.
- 4. Cook 20-25 minutes or until the squash is tender and the liquid has formed a glaze. Add up to 1 cup of water to keep the squash from sticking to the pan, if needed. Stir often.
- 5. Add salt and pepper to taste. Enjoy!
- 6. Refrigerate leftovers.

Makes 6 servings.



Quick Tips

- Serve squash as a hearty side dish.
- Add squash to a soup or casserole.
- Acorn and butternut squash are common types of winter squash.
- Remember to rinse all fruits and vegetables before using.

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