

Harvest of the Month



February



Sweet Potatoes



Pick:

- Choose firm sweet potatoes that are small to medium size.
- Discard potatoes with soft or rotten spots as the flavor will be affected.

Store:

- Store sweet potatoes in a dark, dry, and cool environment for up to 1 month.
- Remember to take the potatoes out of the plastic produce bag before storing.
- Once cooked, use within a few days.

Prepare:

- Scrub the skin of the sweet potato under cool water before cooking.
- Sweet potatoes can be consumed with the peel on!

Nutrition Info

One medium sweet potato has 100 calories.

Sweet potatoes provide vitamins A & C, fiber and potassium.

Fun Facts

China is the largest grower of sweet potatoes, although many farmers in the Coulee Region grow them too! Sweet potatoes are the official vegetable of North Carolina!

Sweet potatoes are commonly confused with yams. Yams are very large and found mostly in Asia and Africa.

Sweet potatoes are roots, whereas regular potatoes are tubers, or underground stems.

Our first president, George Washington, grew sweet potatoes on his farmland in Virginia!

Uses

Sweet potatoes can be baked whole, grilled, steamed, boiled, roasted, microwaved or sautéed! Microwaving sweet potatoes takes less time than regular potatoes do – so keep an eye on it!

Sweet potatoes can also be added to baked goods such as muffins, cakes and quick breads.

Serve mashed or baked sweet potatoes with a little butter, sugar and cinnamon.

Family Friendly Activities

Identify the places mentioned in this newsletter on a map: Virginia, North Carolina, China, Africa and your hometown!

Compare regular potatoes with sweet potatoes – consider how they grow, which part of the plant you eat, and the taste and texture!

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Savory Sweet Potato Chips

Serves 4

Ingredients:

2 sweet potatoes, about ½ pound each
 1 Tbsp. olive oil
 1 tsp. salt
 ¼ tsp. garlic powder
 ½ tsp. dried rosemary (optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Wash potatoes and slice evenly; about 1/8 inch thick. Drizzle with olive oil & sprinkle with salt and seasonings; toss to coat. Spray a pan with cooking spray; place potatoes in a single layer on the pan. Bake until light brown and tender-crisp (about 15-30 minutes).

For more information on Farm2School & Foot Steps to Health visit www.getactivewisconsin.org

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size (119g)
 Servings Per Container

Amount Per Serving

Calories 130 Calories from Fat 30

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 3.5g 5%

Saturated Fat 0.5g 3%

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 0mg 0%

Sodium 640mg 27%

Total Carbohydrate 23g 8%

Dietary Fiber 4g 16%

Sugars 5g

Protein 2g

Vitamin A 320% • Vitamin C 4%

Calcium 4% • Iron 4%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories:	2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Saturated Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

Calories per gram:
 Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

Color a Sweet Potato!

