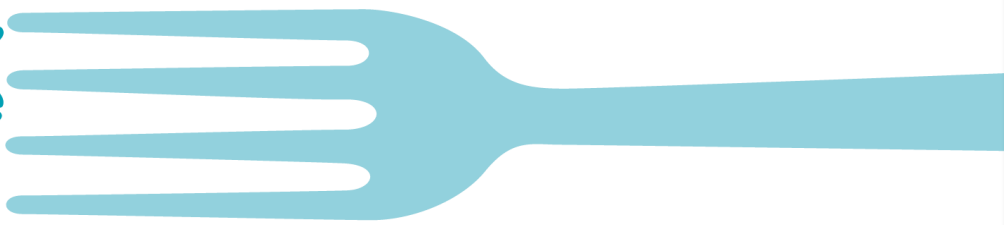


# Harvest of the Month



February



Sweet Potatoes



## Pick:

- Choose firm sweet potatoes with few blemishes.
- 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.

## 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 – 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 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!

## Nutrition Facts

Serving Size (119g)	
Servings Per Container	
Amount Per Serving	
<b>Calories</b> 130	Calories from Fat 30
% Daily Value*	
<b>Total Fat</b> 3.5g	5%
Saturated Fat 0.5g	3%
Trans Fat 0g	
<b>Cholesterol</b> 0mg	0%
<b>Sodium</b> 640mg	27%
<b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 23g	8%
Dietary Fiber 4g	16%
Sugars 5g	
<b>Protein</b> 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	

## Sweet Potato Chips 3 Ways

Serves 4

### Ingredients:

2 sweet potatoes, about ½ pound each  
 1 Tbsp. olive oil  
 1 tsp. salt

### Seasoning Options

Option 1: ½ tsp. garlic powder & ¼ tsp. rosemary  
 Option 2: ½ tsp each: basil, oregano, parsley, garlic powder  
 Option 3: ½ tsp. cinnamon

### 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. Place potatoes in a single layer on a cookie sheet covered in parchment paper. Bake until light brown and tender-crisp (about 15-30 minutes).

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Sweet Potatoes!

