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### **INTRODUCTION**

#### Soul Food.

Food for the soul. Comfort food. My grandmother cooked it. My mother cooked it. I'm cooking it. Macaroni and cheese, cornbread, greens. You get the picture. This cookbook is for those who love Soul Food and want its comfort and taste, but need and want to reduce fat and salt for health.

There is nothing uniquely African American about salt or fat. Everyone in the country ate lots of salt and fat. Food was salted heavily for preservation because there was no refrigeration. Slaves were given the fattest, most undesirable cuts of meat to eat. Now with obesity striking nearly 50 percent of all African American women, nutritionally sound versions of Soul Food are a health necessity. Obesity leads to cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and some cancers.

Many recipes in this cookbook meet the recipe criteria for the National Cancer Institute's 5 A Day For Better Health Program that encourages fruit and vegetable consumption. The recipes contain at least one serving of fruit and/or vegetable and are low in fat, sugar and salt. This is important because African Americans are at high risk for cancer and generally eat few fruits and vegetables. Eating five servings of fruits and vegetables each day can reduce cancer and cardiovascular disease risk significantly.



These recipes came from my family and nutrition grant projects. All recipes were tested and adjusted to meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans:

- 1. Eat a variety of foods.
- 2. Balance the food you eat with physical activity. Maintain or improve your weight.
- 3. Choose a diet with plenty of grain products, vegetables, and fruits.
- 4. Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol.
- 5. Choose a diet moderate in sugars.
- 6. Choose a diet moderate in salt and sodium.
- 7. If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

Most importantly, these recipes were also tested for the taste, the look and the feel of traditional Soul Food and they passed

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### Crispy Oven-Baked Chicken Ingredients:



2 chicken thighs 8 chicken breasts 2 chicken drumsticks 1 cup skim milk

#### Instructions:

**Preheat** oven to 400 degrees.

**Remove** all outer skin from the chicken pieces. **Lightly coat** a baking sheet with vegetable spray. **Mix** all dry breading ingredients into a large sealable plastic bag. **Seal and shake well** to mix. **Place** 2-3 chicken pieces at a time in the skim milk to moisten, then place in the bag of dry ingredients. **Shake** to coat thoroughly. **Put** breaded chicken on the coated baking sheet. Repeat until all of the chicken pieces are breaded. **Lightly spray** the chicken with the vegetable spray. **Place** the baking sheet on the bottom of the oven and **bake** one hour, turning the pieces every 15 minutes to allow for even browning. **Serve** hot.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1 piece chicken

Calories	.205
Fat cals.	.36
Total Fat	.4g
Saturated Fat	.1g
Cholesterol	.65mg

#### Sodium ......237mg Total Carbohydrate ......15g Dietary Fiber .....0g Sugars .....1g Protein ......25g

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Servings: 12

#### **Breading ingredients:**

1 cup bread crumbs 1 cup flour 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning 1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash®, original 1 teaspoon lemon pepper 1/2 teaspoon creole seasoning

### Crispy Oven-Baked Fish Ingredients:

8 catfish fillets, 4 oz. each 3/4 cup cornmeal or cornflake crumbs 2 teaspoons Mrs. Dash®, original

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

**Place** cornmeal or cornflakes in a bowl, add seasonings and mix well with a fork. **Lightly coat** a baking dish with vegetable spray. **Roll** the fillets one by one in the breading mixture and place on a baking sheet. **Spray** fillets lightly with the vegetable spray. **Place** baking sheet on the bottom shelf of the oven. **Bake** for 25 minutes, until crust is golden and fish flakes with a fork. Garnish with lemon wedges and parsley.

NOTE: You may use paprika for more color. You may substitute perch, cod and whiting in this recipe.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1 fillet

Calories	157
Fat Cals.	
Total Fat	
Saturated fat	2g
Cholesterol	54mg

Sodium	91mg
Total Carbohydrate	6g
Dietary Fiber	1g
Sugars	0g
Protein	16g

1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper

1/2 teaspoon salt substitute

1/2 teaspoon creole seasoning



Servings: 8



### MEAT, POULTRY AND FISH



### Pot Roast

### **Ingredients:**

2 pounds round roast, or chuck roast 2 carrots 6 potatoes, medium sized 2 stalks celery

#### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

2 cups hot water 2 beef boullion cubes, no-sodium 2 teaspoons chopped garlic 1/8 cup flour 2 tablespoons Mrs. Dash®, original 1 large onion 1 teaspoon thyme 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1 teaspoon salt substitute

Thoroughly rinse all vegetables. **Peel** carrots, cut into 2 inch pieces. **Peel** potatoes, cut into quarters. **Quarter** onion, and cut celery into 2 inch pieces. **Set** aside. **Mix** Mrs. Dash, salt substitute, thyme, and pepper with the flour. **Rinse** beef, pat dry. **Coat** the beef on both sides with the flour mixture, using all of the flour. **Thoroughly coat** a roasting dish with vegetable spray, then add the 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil. **Preheat** empty roasting dish in the oven for 5 minutes. **Remove** from oven and immediately add the beef roast. **Return pan** to the oven and allow beef to cook and brown on both sides for 45 minutes. **Reduce heat** to 350 degrees. **Add** the carrots, potatoes, onions, celery and garlic. Distribute vegetables evenly over the roast. **Mix** the beef boullion with the water. **Pour** broth over the meat and vegetables. **Let cook** for 15 minutes. **Cover pan** with foil and allow to cook for another 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Serve with steamed white rice (optional). (See White Rice, page 25.)

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 2 slices meat, 1/4 cup vegetables

Calories	312	Sodium	160mg
Fat cals.	63	Total Carbohydrate	31g
Total Fat	7g	Dietary Fiber	4g
Saturated fat	2g	Sugars	3g
Cholesterol	71mg	Protein	30g

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### **Boneless Breaded Pork Chops**

Servings: 8

### Ingredients:

8 boneless pork chops

l cup bread crumbs

2 teapoons garlic powder

1 1/2 teaspoons Mrs. Dash®, original

#### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1 teaspoon black pepper 1/4 cup egg substitute 1/4 cup skim milk

**Rinse** meat with cold water. Set aside. **Put seasoning** in bread crumbs. **Mix** egg substitute and skim milk. **Dip** pork chops in egg-milk mixture. **Roll** meat in bread crumbs and place meat in a pan coated with vegetable spray. **Bake** for 45 minutes until brown.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1 chop

Calories	221
Fat Cals	63
Total Fat	
Saturated Fat	2g
Cholesterol	
Sodium	
Total Carbohydrate	
Dietary fiber	1g
Sugars	1g
Protein	26g

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### MEAT, POULTRY AND FISH

### Herbal Baked Chicken

### **Ingredients:**

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- 2 chicken thighs
  8 chicken breasts
  2 chicken drumsticks
  1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash®, original

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

**Rinse** chicken pieces in cold water. **Remove** all skin from the chicken. **Pat dry** with a paper towel. **Place** chicken pieces on a sheet pan that has been coated with vegetable spray.

**Mix** spices together then sprinkle over the chicken. **Spray** the chicken lightly on top with the vegetable spray. **Place** on the middle rack of the oven and bake for one hour, turning every 15 minutes until chicken has browned and juices run clear.

### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1 piece

Calories	
Fat Cals.	
Total Fat	6g
Saturated Fat	1g
Cholesterol	33g

Sodium	116mg
Total Carbohydrate	0g
Dietary Fiber	0g
Sugars	0g
Protein	12g

1 tablespoon lemon pepper

1 tablespoon poultry seasoning

2 teaspoons parsley

1 teaspoon paprika

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### **Roast Pork with Garlic**

#### **Ingredients**:

3 pounds pork roast, lean 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper 1/2 teaspoon parsley 1/2 teaspoon thyme

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1/2 teaspoon poultry seasoning 1/2 teaspoon Mrs. Dash®, original 8 cloves garlic

**Rinse** pork with plain water, pat dry. With a sharp knife, put eight 1/2-inch deep slits in the roast and insert one clove of garlic in each slit. **Mix** all dry seasonings, and rub over the entire roast. **Place** roast in a pan coated with vegetable spray. **Spray** top of roast with vegetable spray. **Bake** for 45 minutes to an hour until the internal temperature is 165 degrees.

Let roast sit for 10 minutes before slicing.

Nutrition 1	Facts	Serving size	2 slices
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### MEAT, POULTRY AND FISH



### Roast Turkey

### **Ingredients:**



3 pounds turkey breast

- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon parsley

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1/2 teaspoon thyme 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning 1/2 teaspoon Mrs. Dash<sup>®</sup>, original 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

**Rinse** turkey with plain water, pat dry. **Mix** all dry seasonings and rub over the entire breast. Place turkey in a pan that was coated with vegetable spray. Lightly spray top of turkey with vegetable spray. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to one hour until the internal temperature is 165 degrees.

Let the turkey breast sit for 15 minutes before slicing.

Nutrition	<b>Facts</b>	Serving size:	2 slices
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Nutrition Facts	Serving size:	2 slices
Calories	154	
Fat Cals	18	
Total Fat	1g	
Saturated Fat	0g	
Cholesterol	94mg	
Sodium	72mg	
Total Carbohydrate	1g	
Dietary Fiber	0g	
Sugars	0g	
Protein	34g	



### **Perfect Mashed Potatoes** Ingredients:

6 white potatoes, washed, peeled and cut into quarters 1/2 cup evaporated skimmed milk 1 teaspoon imitation butter flavoring 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

#### **Instructions:**

**Boil** the potatoes until tender (15-20 minutes). **Drain**. **Beat** with a mixer at medium low speed until smooth. **Add** the milk, butter flavoring and cheese. **Beat** until evenly mixed. NOTE: You can substitute ¼ cup of fat-free cream cheese in place of Parmesan for lower fat.

Nu	trition Facts	Serving size:	1/2 cup
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Calories	149
Fat Cals	45
Total Fat	5g
Saturated Fat	1g
Cholesterol	4mg
Sodium	282mg
Total Carbohydrate	22g
Dietary Fiber	1g
Sugars	1g
Protein	5g

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### **Garlic Mashed Potatoes**

### Ingredients:

1 pound white potatoes (2 large) 2 cups skim milk 2 large cloves garlic, chopped

#### **Instructions:**

1/2 teaspoon white pepper1/2 teaspoon salt substitute

**Wash and peel** potatoes, cut into quarters. **Cook** uncovered in a small amount of boiling water for 20-25 minutes or until tender. **Remove** from heat. **Drain**. **Re-cover** the pot of potatoes. **Meanwhile**, in a small saucepan over low heat, **cook** garlic in milk until garlic is soft, about 30 minutes. **Add** the milk-garlic mixture, white pepper and salt substitute to potatoes. **Beat** with an electric mixer on low speed or mash with a potato masher until smooth.

Note: For a milder overall taste, we recommend decreasing the amount of garlic to one clove and the white pepper to  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1/2 cup

Calories	141
Total Fat	
Saturated Fat	0
Cholesterol	5
Sodium	
Dietary Fiber	
Carbohydrate	
Protein	

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### TARLES AND SIDES



### Homestyle Green Beans

#### Servings: 16

### **Ingredients:**

8 cups fresh green beans 1/2 cup chopped onion 1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash<sup>®</sup>, original 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper

Instructions:

1/2 teaspoon fresh minced garlic 2 beef boullion cubes, no-sodium 1/2 cup turkey ham, low-sodium 1 cup water

Wash, stem and cut green beans into 2 inch pieces. Place water into sauce pan and heat until it is hot. Add beans, boullion and seasonings. Cover and steam for 40 minutes or until tender.

NOTE: Fresh green beans are best, but you can use frozen.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1/2 cup

Calories	23
Fat Cals	0
Total Fat	0g
Saturated fat	0g
Cholesterol	0mg
Sodium	53mg
Total Carbohydrate	5g
Dietary Fiber	2g
Sugars	2g
Protein	1g
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### **Great Northern Beans**

### **Ingredients:**

1 pound Great Northern beans 1 cup smoked turkey ham, low-sodium 1 cup chopped onions 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1 teaspoon Mrs. Dash®, original

### Instructions:

1 tablespoon garlic, minced 1/4 cup green pepper, diced 1 beef boullion cube, no-sodium 1 teaspoon salt substitute 6 cups water

**Sort** out the bad beans and debris. **Rinse** beans and let soak in water overnight. **Drain** beans. **Simmer** beans, smoked turkey and the rest of the ingredients in the water until beans are tender, but still whole, or about 45 minutes.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: V2 cup

Calories Fat Cals	188
Total Fat	1q
Saturated Fat Cholesterol	2mg
Sodium Total Carbohydrate	110mg
Dietary fiber	8g
Sugars Protein	6g 10g

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### Red Beans

### **Ingredients:**

1 pound red beans 1 cup smoked turkey ham, low-sodium, diced 1 cup diced onions 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1 teaspoon Mrs. Dash®, original

### Instructions:

1 tablespoon minced garlic 1/4 cup green pepper, diced 1 teaspoon salt substitute 6 cups water 2 beef boullion cubes, no-sodium

**Sort** out the bad beans and debris. **Rinse** beans and let soak in water overnight. **Drain** beans. **Simmer** beans, smoked turkey and the rest of the ingredients in the 6 cups of water until beans are tender, but still whole, or about 45 minutes.

### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1/2 cup

Calories	148
Fat Cals	0
Total Fat	
Saturated Fat	
Cholesterol	
Sodium	
Total Carbohydrate	26a Č
Dietary fiber	
Sugars	
Protein	

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#### Servings: 12

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# **Black-eyed Peas**

### **Ingredients:**

1 pound black-eyed peas 1 cup smoked turkey ham, low-sodium, diced 1 cup onions, chopped 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 6 cups water

### Instructions:

1 teaspoon Mrs. Dash®, original 1 tablespoon garlic, minced 1/4 cup green pepper, chopped 2 beef boullion cubes, no-sodium 1 teaspoon salt substitute

**Sort** out the bad peas and debris. **Rinse** peas and let soak in water overnight. **Drain** peas. **Simmer** peas, smoked turkey and the rest of the ingredients in the water until peas are tender but still whole, or about 45 minutes.

### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1/2 cup

Calories	
Fat Cals	0
Total Fat	
Saturated Fat	0g
Cholesterol	
Sodium	111mg
Total Carbohydrate	17g
Dietary fiber	2g
Sugars	1g
Protein	2g

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### **Crowder Peas**

### Ingredients:

2 pounds crowder peas 1 cup smoked turkey ham, low-sodium 1 cup onions, chopped 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1 teaspoon Mrs. Dash®, original

#### Instructions:

1 tablespoon garlic, diced 1/4 cup diced green pepper 2 beef boullion cubes, no-sodium 1 teaspoon salt substitute 1 cup water

**Sort** out the bad peas and debris. **Rinse** peas and let soak in water overnight. **Drain** peas. **Simmer** peas, smoked turkey and the rest of the ingredients in the water until peas are tender, but still whole or about 45 minutes.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: V2 cup

Calories	100
Fat Cals	9
Total Fat	
Saturated Fat	
Cholesterol	3ma
Sodium	191mc
Total Carbohydrate	
Dietary fiber	1a
Sugars	10
Protein	

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### **Turnip and Mustard Greens Ingredients:**

2 pounds turnip areens 2 pounds mustard greens 2 chicken bouillon cubes, low-sodium pound smoked turkey. lean tablespoon Mrs. Dash<sup>®</sup>, original

### Instructions:

1 teaspoon sugar 1 medium onion, chopped 1 teaspoon lemon pepper 5 cups water

**Soak** and wash greens thoroughly with clear water. **Remove** greens from the stems. **Shake** out any excess water. **Gather** greens into small bunches and cut into smaller pieces. Put water in a stock pot, or large pot, and bring to a boil. Add greens to the water and allow water to reach a simmer. Add all seasonings, onions, smoked turkey and bouillon cubes. **Cover** the pot and continue to cook greens for 1 hour or until tender. Taste and adjust seasonings before serving.

Note: All mustard or all turnip greens or collard greens (fresh or frozen) may be used for this recipe.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1/2 cup

Fat Cals.....18 Total Fat .....2g Saturated Fat .....1g Sodium......514ma Total Carbohydrate .....7g Dietary fiber......5g Sugars .....1g Protein ......9g

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### **Boiled Cabbage and Turkey**

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup smoked turkey 8 cups cabbage 1/2 cup fresh onion, chopped 1/4 cup fresh green pepper, chopped

### Instructions:

1 teaspoon garlic powder 1 chicken boullion cube, no-sodium 1 teaspoon lemon pepper 1/2 cup water

**Dice** turkey in one-inch cubes. **Set** aside. **Heat** water to boiling in a shallow saucepan. **Add** all ingredients and **cook** for 30 minutes until the cabbage is tender.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1 cup

Calories	58
Fat Cals	9
Total Fat	1g
Saturated Fat	0g
Cholesterol	2mg
Sodium	115mg
Total Carbohydrate	11g
Dietary fiber	5g
Sugars	4g
Protein	

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### Stewed Corn

### **Ingredients:**

8 cups fresh corn 1/2 cup onions, chopped 1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash®, original 1/4 cup green pepper, chopped (optional)

#### Instructions:

1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper 1/4 cup fresh tomatoes, diced (optional) 1/4 cup water 1 teaspoon sugar

**Cut** fresh corn from the cob, and **scrape** juices from the cob with a knife. Lightly spray frypan with vegetable spray. Warm on medium heat. Add chopped onion and green pepper, sauté until onion is translucent. Add the rest of the ingredients, stir, and cook for 30 minutes until hot.

NOTE: You can substitute frozen corn for this recipe, but fresh is best. Green peppers and tomatoes are optional ingredients based on taste preference. For a creamier corn, you may substitute skim milk instead of the water.

	Nutrition facts	Serving size:	1/2 cup		
	Calories	94			
	Fat Cals Total Fat	1g			
	Saturated Fat Cholesterol				
	Sodium Total Carbohydrate	210mg			
Page 17	Dietary fiber	4g 0g			
	Protein	2g			
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### Cornbread

### **Ingredients**:

1 1/4 cups flour 3/4 cup cornmeal 1/4 cup sugar 2 tablespoons baking powder

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

**Combine** dry ingredients, stir in milk, oil and Eggbeaters until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour batter in a prepared 8 or 9-inch pan. Bake 20-25 minutes until golden brown.

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Servings: 9

1 cup skim milk 1/4 cup vegetable oil 1/4 cup Eggbeaters® 1/2 teaspoon salt substitute

Nutrition Facts	Serving size:	1 square
Calories	191	
Fat Cals	63	
Total Fat	7g	
Saturated Fat	1g	
Cholesterol	1mg	
Sodium		
Total Carbohydrate	28g	
Dietary Fiber		
Sugars		
Protein	4g	
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### **Cornbread Dressing**

### **Ingredients:**

4 chicken boullion cubes, no-sodium 4 cups hot water 1/2 cup fresh onion, diced 1/2 cup fresh green pepper, diced 1/2 cup celery, diced

#### Instructions:

Preheat oven at 350 degrees.

**Prepare** combread from recipe. Set aside. **Make** chicken stock from boullion and water. In a pot combine onions, celery, peppers and seasoning with chicken stock and simmer for 15 minutes. **Cool** slightly. **Put** combread and bread crumbs in a bowl. **Pour** vegetable mixture over combread and bread crumbs, add milk and Eggbeaters. Fold together. **Put** into pan that was lightly coated with vegetable spray. **Bake** for 40-45 minutes until lightly browned.

3 1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning

1 1/4 cup evaporated skimmed milk

1/2 cup bread crumbs

1/2 cup Eggbeaters®

12 servings cornbread

Nutrition Facts	Serving size:	1/2 cup
Calories	250	
Fat Cals	63	
Total Fat	7g	
Saturated Fat	1g	
Cholesterol	2mg	
Sodium	177mg	
Dietary fiber		

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### Ingredients:

2 cups elbow macaroni 1/2 cup Eggbeaters<sup>®</sup> 1 teaspoon Mrs. Dash<sup>®</sup>, original 1/2 teaspoon black pepper 1 cup light cheddar cheese

#### Instructions: Pasta Cookerv:

1 cup shredded Velveeta<sup>®</sup> cheese 3 teaspoons light margarine 1/2 teaspoon paprika 4 cups skim milk 1 teaspoon salt substitute

**Bring** ½ gallon water to a boil, add macaroni noodles and **stir**. As soon as the water has come back to a rapid boil, **cook** for another 3-5 minutes until tender. **Turn** off heat and drain the noodles and immediately **rinse** with cold water to cool the noodles. **Drain** and set aside.

**Combine** Eggbeaters with the milk, then **add** all seasonings, mix well. **Mix** all cheeses and margarine with the macaroni. **Spray** a four-quart casserole dish with vegetable spray. **Pour** macaroni-cheese mixture in the prepared casserole dish. **Pour** the egg-milk mixture over the macaroni. **Bake** at 350 degrees for approximately 30-40 minutes or until bubbly.

Nutrition Facts	Serving size	<b>Ze:</b> 1/2 cup	
Calories	218	Sodium	355mg
Fat Cals	72	Total Carbohydrate	22g
Total Fat	8g	Dietary fiber	
Saturated Fat	5g	Sugars	
Cholesterol	23mg	Protein	



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### Macaroni and Cheese



### Potato Salad

### **Ingredients:**

3/4 cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon mustard
1 teaspoon Mrs. Dash®, original
4 cups boiled potatoes
1/4 cup onion, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped

#### Instructions:

1/3 cup green pepper, chopped
2 hard boiled eggs, chopped
1 tablespoon parsley, dried or fresh
1/4 cup sweet relish
1/2 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced
1 teaspoon salt substitute

**Wash and peel** potatoes (about 5 medium) and **boil** until tender. **Rinse** and cool potatoes; cut into cubes. Set aside. **Place** the onions, celery, green pepper, eggs and parsley in a bowl. **Add** salt substitute, mustard, Mrs. Dash, mayonnaise and relish. **Mix** well. **Add** the potatoes and lightly **toss** until ingredients are mixed. **Chill** for 1 hour before serving.

Nutrition Facts	Serving size:	1/2 cup
Calories	185	
Fat Cals	81	
Total Fat	9g	
Saturated Fat		
Cholesterol		
Sodium		
Total Carbohydrate	22g	
Dietary fiber	2g	
Sugars		
Protein		

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### **Green Peas and Mushrooms**

Servings: 12

### **Ingredients:**

2 pounds fresh green peas 2 cups mushrooms, sliced 1 chicken boullion cube, no-sodium

Protein.....5g

1 teaspoon thyme 1/2 teaspoon Mrs. Dash®, original 1/2 cup water

#### **Instructions:**

**Rinse** peas in cold water. **Place** the peas and the ingredients in a three-quart pot. **Bring** the peas to a boil over medium heat. **Reduce** the heat to low, **cover** and simmer for 10 minutes. **Serve** immediately.

Nutrition Facts	Serving size:	1/2 cup
Calories	72	
Fat Cals	0g	
Total Fat	0g	
Saturated Fat	0g	
Cholesterol	0mg	
Sodium	183mg	
Total Carbohydrate	13g	
Dietary Fiber		
Sugars	5g	

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### **Pineapple Sweet Potato Casserole** Servings: 12 Ingredients:

3 pounds canned sweet potatoes, drained and sliced 1 pound crushed pineapple in juice, undrained 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon 4 teaspoons butter-flavored sprinkles

#### **Instructions:**

1/3 cup chopped pecans1 3/4 cups miniature marshmallows

**Place** the potato pieces in a large bowl and **toss** with the pineapple, cinnamon, butter-flavored sprinkles and pecans. **Coat** a two-quart casserole dish with vegetable spray and place the sweet potato mixture in the dish. **Top** with the marshmallows. **Bake** at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until the sweet potato mixture is bubbly and the top is lightly browned. If the top starts to brown too quickly, loosely cover the dish with aluminum foil during the last 10 minutes of baking. **Serve** hot.

Note: Instead of using canned sweet potatoes, you may use fresh. To cook the fresh potatoes, bake them at 400 degrees for about 45 minutes or until tender, or boil them on the stove about 30 minutes or until tender.

Nutrition Facts	Serving size:	1⁄2 cup
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Calories	183
Fat Cals	
Total Fat	5g
Saturated Fat	1g
Cholesterol	0mg

Sodium	93mg
Total Carbohydrate	36g
Dietary fiber	3g
Sugars	14g
Protein	2g

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### Ollie's Dirty Rice

### **Ingredients:**

1 pound turkey sausage 1/2 pound chicken livers large onion, chopped areen pepper, diced 2 stalks celery, diced 2 tablespoons minced garlic bunch areen onions, chopped

#### Instructions:

**Cook** rice and set aside (See White Rice, page 25).

Wash giblets then cut entire membrane off the giblet. **Rinse** chicken livers and combine with the giblets, place in saucepan, cover with the water and simmer until tender for approximately 45 minutes. **Grind** livers and giblets in a blender or chopper. Set aside. Measure dry ingredients, combine together, and set aside. Brown turkey sausage in a large dutch oven. Drain off any visible fat from the meat. Add onion, celery, green pepper, garlic and green onions to the meat. Stir well and cook for 10 minutes until onions are translucent. Add the giblets and livers. Add the two packets of dry gravy mix. Mix well into the meat mixture. Add the two cups of hot water. Stir until well mixed. Add the dry spices, mix. Let simmer for 10 minutes. Add the cooked rice, mix well. Serve hot.

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pound chicken aiblets 2 packets brown gravy mix

2 teaspoons salt substitute 1 teaspoon poultry seasoning

- 1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash<sup>®</sup>, original 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 cups water

1 tablespoon parslev

1/2 teaspoon black pepper 6 cups cooked white rice

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### White Rice

### **Ingredients:**

6 cups water 3 cups regular or extra long grain rice

### **Instructions:**

**Heat** rice and water to boiling in 6-quart sauce pan over high heat. **Reduce** heat to low and stir mixture. **Cover** pan and simmer without stirring or lifting the lid, about 15 minutes or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed. **Fluff** rice with a fork.

 Nutrition Facts (Ollie's Dirty Rice)
 Serving size:
 1/2 cup

 Calories
 201

 Fat Cals
 45

 Total Fat
 5g

 Saturated Fat
 1g

 Cholesterol
 179mg

 Sodium
 271mg

 Total Carbohydrate
 27g

 Dietary fiber
 1g

 Sugars
 0g

 Protein
 14g

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#### Yield: 6 cups

### **Old Fashioned Bread Pudding** With Apple Raisin Sauce

Servings: 9

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### Ingredients:

10 slices whole-wheat bread 1 egg 3 egg whites 1 1/2 cups skim milk 1/4 cup sugar 1/4 cup brown sugar 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

#### **Spiced Sugar**

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg1/4 teaspoon cloves2 teaspoons sugar

#### **Instructions:**

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

**Spray** an 8x8 inch baking dish with vegetable oil spray. **Lay** the slices of bread in the baking dish in two rows, overlapping them like shingles. In a medium mixing bowl, **beat** together the egg, egg whites, milk, the ¼ cup sugar, brown sugar and vanilla. **Pour** the egg mixture over the bread. In a small bowl, **stir** together the cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and the 2 teaspoons of sugar. **Sprinkle** the spiced sugar over the bread pudding. **Bake** the pudding for 30 to 35 minutes, until it has browned on top and is firm to the touch. Serve warm or at room temperature, with warm Apple-Raisin Sauce (*see recipe, page 27*).

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### Apple-Raisin Sauce

Yield: 2 cups

### Ingredients:

1 1/4 cups apple juice 1/2 cup apple butter 1 tablespoon molasses 1/2 cup raisins 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg1/2 teaspoon orange zest (optional)

### Instructions:

**Stir** all the ingredients together in a medium saucepan. **Bring** to a simmer over low heat. Let the sauce **simmer** 5 minutes. **Serve** warm.

**Nutrition Facts** (Old Fashioned Bread Pudding with Apple Raisin Sauce) Serving size: 1 tablespoon per one square of pudding

Calories	233
Total Fat	3g
Saturated Fat	1g
Cholesterol	24mg
Sodium	252mg
Dietary fiber	
Total Carbohydrates	
Protein	7g

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### Lemon Pie

### **Ingredients:**

2 cans lite sweetened condensed milk 1 1/2 cups lemon juice 1 egg 1 pie crust

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Meringue:

3 egg whites 1 teaspoon cream of tartar 1 tablespoon sugar

**Lightly bake** pie crust and set aside. **Mix** the condensed milk with the lemon juice then **add** the egg. **Mix** well. **Add** mixture to the pie crust. **Place** the egg whites, sugar and cream of tartar In another bowl. **Whip** with mixer until the egg whites form peaks. **Place** meringue over pie, and **bake** in oven until meringue is lightly browned.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1 slice (1/10 of pie)

Calories	155
Fat Cals	53
Total Fat	6g
Saturated Fat	3g
Cholesterol	21mg
Sodium	102mg
Total Carbohydrate	22g
Dietary Fiber	0g
Sugars	
Protein	4g

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### Peach Cobbler

### **Ingredients:**

- 4 pounds canned sliced peaches
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons low fat margarine, cold
- 3 tablespoons cinnamon

### Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg 1 teaspoon salt substitute
- A tableeneene flour
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 pre-made pie crusts, 9-inch

**Partially drain** the juice from the peaches. **Place** in a bowl and set aside. **Mix** sugars, spices, flour and salt substitute together and add to the peaches. **Mix** well. **Line** a 9x12 pan with two of the pie crusts. **Pour** the peaches in the pan. **Scatter** the cold margarine over the peach mixture, then **place** the two remaining crusts over the peaches. **Pierce** the top crust with slits to allow steam to escape. **Spray** the top of the cobbler with the vegetable spray. **Bake** for 15 minutes at 425 degrees then reduce the temperature to 350 degrees and **cook** for another 45 minutes until cobbler is brown and bubbly.

### Nutrition Facts: Serving size: V2 cup

 Calories
 533

 Fat Cals
 194

 Saturated Fat
 0g

 Cholesterol
 0g

 Sodium
 336mg

 Carbohydrate
 76g

 Dietary fiber
 2g

 Sugars
 47g

 Protein
 5g

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### **Banana Pudding**

### Ingredients:

3 (3.4-oz.) boxes instant vanilla pudding 6 cups skim milk 1 box (11-oz) reduced fat vanilla wafers

### Instructions:

6 ounces lite whipped topping 6 bananas

**Prepare** pudding as directed on the box with the skim milk. **Fold** the whipped topping in the pudding. **Line** a 9x12 inch pan with the vanilla wafers. **Peel** and cut bananas in slices, then layer them on the wafers. **Top** the bananas with the pudding mixture. **Repeat** this process once again. **Place** some of the remaining wafers on top of the dish. **Chill** one hour before serving.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1/2 cup

Calories	328
Fat Cals Total Fat	45
Cholesterol	og
Sodium	436mg
Total Carbohydrate	65a
Dietary fiber	1g
Sugars	44g
Protein	5g

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### Fresh Fruit Salad

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup fresh green grapes 1 cup fresh red grapes 1 cup fresh cantaloupe 2 cups fresh watermelon

### **Instructions:**

cup fresh raspberries
 cup fresh black grapes
 cup fresh honeydew melon
 cup fresh strawberries

**Wash** all fresh fruits well. **Cube** all melons, remove grapes from stems, remove stems and hulls and slice strawberries in half. **Put** in a large bowl. **Toss** lightly to mix. **Sprinkle** raspberries on top. **Chill** for one hour before serving.

Note: Substitute any fresh fruit in season. This many different kinds of fruit is unnecessary, but use at least three different kinds.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving size: 1/2 cup

Calories	32
Fat Cals	0
Total Fat	0g
Saturated Fat	
Cholesterol	
Sodium	2mg
Total Carbohydrate	8g
Dietary Fiber	1g
Sugars	
Protein	1g

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### Apple Waldorf Salad Ingredients:

4 cups fresh apples, diced 1/2 cup walnuts or pecans 1/2 cup light salad dressing 1/2 cup fresh celery, diced1/2 cup mini marshmallows (optional)

#### **Instructions:**

**Combine** all ingredients in a bowl, **toss** lightly. **Chill** in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

Nutrition facts	Serving size:	1/2 cup
Calories	97	
Fat Cals		
Total Fat	6g	
Cholesterol		
Sodium	101mg	
Total Carbohydrate		
Dietary Fiber		
Sugars		
Protein		

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### **Carrot Raisin Salad**

### Ingredients:

4 cups fresh carrots, grated 1/2 cup pecan or walnut pieces 1/2 cup raisins

### **Instructions:**

**Place** all ingredients in a bowl and **mix** well. **Chill** for one hour in the refrigerator.

Nutrition Facts	Serving size:	1/2 cup	
Calories	144		
Fat Cals	72		
Total Fat	8g		
Saturated Fat	0g		
Cholesterol	Omg		
Sodium	214mg		
Total Carbohydrate	16g		
Dietary Fiber	2g		
Sugars			
Protein	2g		

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### **Glossary of Basic Cooking Terms**



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Bake .....To cook in the oven by dry heat. Beat .....To mix ingredients briskly with a rotating motion, using a spoon, wire whip or mixer.

Blend ......To thoroughly mix two or more ingredients.

Boil .....To cook foods in water or a liquid until bubbles are breaking on the surface and steam is given off.

Braise ......To brown in a small amount of fat, then simmer covered in juices or liquid.

Bread ......To dip in egg-milk mixture then coat with bread crumbs or cornmeal.

**Chill .....**To refrigerate until thoroughly cold. **Chop .....**To cut into small pieces.

Coat .....To cover entire surface with flour, fine crumbs, sauce, batter, or other foods.

**Cube** ......To cut into 1/2 inch squares.

Dice.....To cut into 1/4 inch cubes.

Dredge ......To thoroughly coat a food with a powdery ingredient mixture such as flour and spices.

Garnish.....An edible trimming added to a complete dish to enhance its visual appeal.

by stirring. Peel.....To strip off the outside covering of a food item. Pot Roast ......To cook large cuts of meat by braising. Preheat ......To heat oven or other cooking equipment to desired temperature before putting in food. **Simmer**......To cook in liquid in which bubbles form slowly and break below the surface Steam ......To cook in vapors of boiling liquid with or without pressure. **Toast.....**To apply direct heat until the surface of the food is browned. Toss......To mix ingredients lightly.

Whip ......To beat rapidly to increase volume by the incorporation of air.