

# November Produce Guide

# November is here, which brings lots of fresh produce including:

- Apples
- Cauliflower
- Garlic
- Pumpkin

- Cabbage
- Potatoes
- Mushrooms

# The recipe below features <u>butternut squash</u>. Here are a few facts about and tips for picking and storing the squash:

- Picking the Right Squash: It should feel heavy for its size
- Storing: An uncut squash will last in a cool, dark place for about a month. Once cut, you should place it in the refrigerator.
- No fat, cholesterol, or sodium! Good source of fiber, potassium, magnesium, and vitamins A and C.
- While often confused as a vegetable, squash are fruit because they have seeds inside them!

# **Squash Soup**

#### Serves 6

- 1 Tbsp. Olive Oil
- 2 medium Onions, chopped
- 2 medium Carrots, chopped
- 2 Garlic cloves, cut very small
- 1 cup Tomato Puree (canned)
- 5 cups Chicken or Vegetable broth, low sodium
- · 4 cups Butternut Squash, cooked
- 1½ Tbsp. Oregano
- 1½ Tbsp. Basil

# **Food Preparation**

#### **Cooking your butternut squash:**

Wash the squash with warm water and scrub with a vegetable brush. Do not use any soap. Peel carefully with a small knife or vegetable peeler. Cut squash in half and scrape away seeds with a strong spoon. Cut remaining squash into 1-inch cubes.

#### **Boil Method**

Place cubes in a pot and place water in the pot until the squash is completely covered. Bring the water to a boil. Test how hard the squash is with a fork (you will know it is done when the squash becomes soft to the touch). When the flesh is soft, drain from boiling water

#### Microwave Method

Place cubes in a microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap. Place in microwave and heat on the high setting. Take out and check the squash every minute, continue to cook until squash is soft

## **Cooking Instructions**

- 1) Place Olive Oil in a large saucepan over medium heat and warm for 2-3 minutes
- 2) Once the oil is heated, add in chopped onions, carrots, and garlic
- 3) Cook for 5 minutes with a lid on the pan
- 4) Add in the tomato paste, broth, cooked squash, oregano, and basil while stirring the mixture
- 5) Bring soup to a simmer and cook with a lid on for 30 minutes

Nutrition Facts for 1 Serving: 127 Calories 1g Saturated Fat, 1 mg Cholesterol, 251 mg Sodium, 19g Carbs., 4g Dietary Fiber, 7g Total Sugar, 6g Protein, 95mg Calcium 3mg Iron, 735mg Potassium





### **Butternut Squash Nutrition Facts**



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