BUCKWHEAT SALAD RECIPES

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CURRIED CHICKEN SALAD

3 cups cooked kasha Honey Curry Vinaigrette

(Coarse or whole) 2/3 cup oil

2 cups diced cooked chicken 1/4 cup vinegar

1 large red apple 2 Tbsp. honey

1/2 cup raisins 2 tsp. curry powder

2 green onions, sliced

1/4 cup chopped celery

1 red bell pepper, chopped

Prepare kasha according to directions below, using chicken broth. When kasha is cool, combine all salad ingredients in a large bowl. In a small bowl, whisk together vinaigrette ingredients until smooth. Pour over salad and toss gently.

Makes 4-6 servings

Directions for kasha

2 cups broth, bouillon, consommé or water. 1/8 tsp pepper

4 Tbsp butter or margarine 1 cup kasha

1/4 to 1/2 tsp salt

Heat liquid, 2 Tbsp butter or margarine and seasonings to boiling in medium-sized pot.

In separate medium-sized skillet or saucepan, stir kasha over high heat for 2 to 3 minutes until kasha is hot and slightly roasted. Reduce heat to low.

Carefully add the boiling liquid. Cover pan tightly, simmer 10 to 12 minutes until grains are tender and liquid is absorbed. Makes about 4 cups.

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WARM SPINACH BUCKWHEAT & HAM SALAD

2 cups chicken broth 1/2 cup pecan halves toasted

I cup whole kasha Tomato wedges, if desired

1 tsp. dried oregano leaves, crumbled

1 tsp. dried thyme leaves, crumbled Dijon Vinaigrette

2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms 2/3 cup salad oil

12 oz. smoked cooked ham 1/3 cup red wine vinegar

I red or yellow sweet pepper 2 Tbsp grainy Dijon mustard

1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion rings 2 tsp. minced fresh garlic

8 cups torn spinach leaves 1/2 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

In medium saucepan, boil broth and stir in kasha, oregano and thyme. Reduce heat to medium-low, simmer, covered, 10 minutes or until water is absorbed. While kasha is cooking, prepare vinaigrette. In jar with tight-fitting lid, combine oil, vinegar, mustard, garlic and pepper; shake well. Cut ham and pepper into julienne strips. In large skillet, combine mushrooms, ham, pepper, onion and vinaigrette. Cook on medium heat just until heated through, about 4 to 5 minutes. In large bowl, combine hot mixture, kasha and spinach. Transfer to serving platter, sprinkle with pecans. Garnish with tomato wedges, if desired. Serve immediately.

Makes 6 servings

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SANTORINO SALAD WITH FETA

I cup water 1/3 cup sliced green onion

1 1/3 cups Italian salad dressing 1/3 cup diced, red or orange sweet pepper

I cup whole buckwheat groats 1/3 chopped, fresh basil

1 cup diced plum tomatoes 1/3 p minced flat-leaf parsley

6 oz. jar marinated artichoke hearts, 1 cup diced feta or mozzarella cheese

drained and coarsely chopped* Spinach or raddichio leaves

1 cup pitted Kalamata olives or oil-aired black olives

In two-quart saucepan, boil water and I cup salad dressing. Stir in buckwheat, reduce heat, cover pan, and simmer 15 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Toss cooled buckwheat groats with remaining 1/3 cup salad dressing, tomatoes, artichoke hearts, olives, onions, peppers, herbs and cheese. Serve on bed of spinach or raddichio.

*Sliced marinated mushrooms may be substituted

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