

DID YOU KNOW?



When you buy apples in large numbers keep them in a well-ventilated, cool, dark place; if possible spread them out so they are not touching each other.



Substitute applesauce for oil in many baked goods to cut fat and calories. This works especially well with muffins and brownies.



Gilmer County is the Apple Capital of Georgia.



A rough brown patch on apples is not a sign of spoilage; this is known as "russeting."



Two-thirds of the fiber is in the apple's peel.



October is national apple month!

APPLES

FRESH AND HEALTHY-

Although apples are available in the store year round, the growing season in Georgia begins in late July and continues through the fall. Apples can be served any time of the day in a variety of ways. Grab a farm fresh apple for a fast snack.

Best Time to Buy: August - November

Apples Benefit U

- Free of fat, cholesterol & sodium
- Contains iron, calcium, vitamins A and C
- High in dietary fiber
- Healthy source of antioxidants

1 large apple = 130 calories
3 medium apples = 1 pound apples = 3 cups diced apples



Add Color to Your Meal

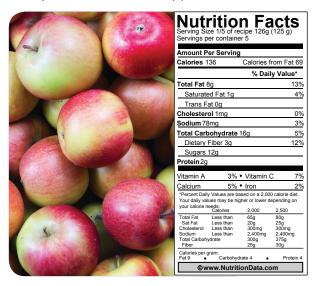
- Garnish a green salad, cole slaw or tuna salad
- Serve with cheddar cheese
- Add to poultry or pork for flavor
- Bake; serve with cinnamon and yogurt for dessert
- Top a bowl of breakfast cereal

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RECIPE CORNER

Georgia Waldorf Salad

- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 ½ cups diced apples
- 1 cup celery, chopped
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- ½ cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
- 2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
- 1. Drizzle lemon juice over diced apples; toss well. Mix in celery and pecans.
- 2. Blend together sugar, low-fat yogurt and mayonnaise. Fold into apple mixture and chill.



FAST FACTS

SELECTION

Choose apples that are blemish-free and firm.
Handle gently to prevent bruising. When baking with apples, choose an all-purpose apple such as a Golden Delicious, or one specified as a baking apple.

STORAGE

Apples can absorb the flavor of other products.
Refrigerate them in a plastic bag away from foods
with strong odors. Refrigeration will slow the ripening
process of apples.

PREPARATION

Rinse under cool running water before serving. To prevent sliced apples from turning dark, cover with one of the following: 1 part lemon juice to 3 parts water, vitamin C fortified 100% apple juice or a commercial anti-darkening product.

PRESERVATION

Dry Pack Freezing: To prevent darkening, dissolve ascorbic acid in water and sprinkle over sliced apples. Pack apples into a container and press fruit down, leave headspace and seal.



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