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## **Spring Is Here!**

# Spring brings a new season of fresh fruits and vegetables!

Fruits and vegetables are cheapest when you buy them in season. Look for these colorful spring fruits or vegetables.

- Snow Peas
- Strawberries
- Asparagus
- Rhubarb
- Leafy Greens
- Pineapple

# Adding fruits and vegetables to any meal can be easy!

- Add strawberries to a spinach salad
- Snack on snow peas and hummus
- Add asparagus to pasta or salads
- Make rhubarb into a tasty dessert like a rhubarb crisp



### Make eating fruit and vegetables FUN!



**KIDS CAN** make their own Hoppin' Pear Salad using fresh or canned pear halves, sliced almonds, raisins and a spoonful of cottage cheese for a fluffy tail. Find this recipe and more creative tips at FoodHero.org

### **Food Hero List**

Here are some ways to keep your family healthy all year long.

- Eat colorful seasonal fruit and vegetables
- Try adding spring fruit and vegetables to your favorite meals
- ☐ Treat your family to a fun Hoppin'
  Pear Salad

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### **Spring Fling Chowder**

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 small **onion**, chopped
- 2 cups fresh or frozen asparagus, chopped into small pieces
- 1 large potato, peeled and diced
- 3 cups low-sodium, fat-free chicken or vegetable broth (or use water)
- 1 can (15 ounces) cream-style corn
- 1 cup frozen peas
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, grated

#### Directions

- 1. Heat oil in large pot. Sauté onion, asparagus, and potato over medium heat, stirring often, until soft, about 10 minutes.
- 2. Add chicken broth, corn, and pepper.
- 3. Cover and simmer until potato is tender, about 10 minutes.
- 4. Add frozen peas and simmer 1 more minute.
- 5. Season with salt and pepper.
- 6. Serve hot, sprinkled with cheese.
- 7. Refrigerate leftovers within 2-3 hours.

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#### Notes

- Leave skin on potato for added fiber.
- Try using fresh or frozen broccoli instead of asparagus.
- Try using canned green beans or diced tomatoes instead of peas.

#### Nutrition Facts Serving Size about 1 cup (237g) Servings Per Container 8 Amount Per Serving Calories 140 Calories from Fat 45 % Daily Value\* Total Fat 5g Saturated Fat 2g 10% Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 5mg 2% Sodium 350mg 15% Total Carbohydrate 20g 7% Dietary Fiber 3g 12% Sugars 5g Protein 7g Vitamin A 8% Vitamin C 10% Calcium 6% Iron 8% \*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 Total Fat Less than Saturated Fat Less than 20g 25g Cholesterol Less than 300mg 300mg 2,400mg 2,400mg Sodium Less than Total Carbohydrate 300g Dietary Fiber 30g Calories per gram: Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4