MARCH 5 & 27 Produce of the Month

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SHOPPER TIPS

- Look for well-shaped cantaloupe with a sweet smell. They should feel heavy for their size and give slightly to gentle pressure near the stem end.
- Avoid dark green cantaloupe that feel hard and have no smell. If it has any super soft spots, it is over ripe.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

- High in vitamin A. Vitamin A aids in maintaining normal vision and healthy skin, and protects against infections.
- High in vitamin C. Vitamin C helps to heal cuts and keeps teeth and gums healthy.
- A good source of potassium. Potassium helps control blood pressure.

SERVING IDEAS

- Cut cantaloupe into wedges and serve for dessert or a light snack.
- Blend low-fat yogurt, chopped cantaloupe, frozen strawberries, and a banana. Pour into paper cups and insert plastic spoons. Freeze for several hours for a light and healthy fruit pop.

PEAK SEASON

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STORAGE

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Prep Time: 25 minutes

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 large ripe cantaloupe 3/4 cup finely diced red bell pepper 1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro 3 Tbsp finely chopped scallions juice of 1 lime

pinch of salt and hot pepper flakes

DIRECTIONS:

Remove seeds and rind from cantaloupe. (You should have approximately 1/2 pound cantaloupe flesh.) Chop cantaloupe into very small diced pieces. Put in diced cantaloupe into a bowl. Add diced red pepper, cilantro, scallions and lime juice. Stir. Add pinch of salt and pepper flakes. Chill. Serve with grilled chicken, fish or steaks.

Nutrition Facts Cantaloupe Salsa

Serving Size: 1/4 of recipe

Calories: 45, Calories from Fat: 5, Total Fat: 0g, Saturated Fat: 0g, Trans Fat: 0g, Cholesterol: 0mg, Sodium: 90mg, Total Carbohydrates: 11g, Dietary Fiber: 2g, Sugars: 9g, Protein: 1g, Vitamin A: 90%, Vitamin C: 160%, Calcium: 2%, Iron: 2%





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