# Wightmans Farms 2017 CSA – Week 20 THIS IS YOUR LAST BOX

## FARM FRESH





Finicky & Fanatics White Sweet Potatoes, Corn, Fall Squash, Lettuce, Broccoli, Apples, Peppers, Apple Sauce (Pairs GREAT with our THICK CUT Pork Chops!!)

### Miso sweet potato and broccoli bowl

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There's of course no reason
to only use these vegetables,
or to not swap in others, if
you desire.

Serves 4

#### For the bowl

1 cup dried rice or another cooking grain of your choice 1 to 2 sweet potatoes (about 1.5 pounds)
1 large bundle broccoli (about 1 pound)
1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil Coarse or kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper 1 teaspoon white sesame seeds

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## For the miso-sesame dressing

- 1 tablespoon minced fresh ginger
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- 2 tablespoons white miso (the mildest kind)
- 2 tablespoons tahini (other nut butters can work in a pinch)
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
  - 2 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil

#### **Instructions:**

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place rice or grain and cooking liquid in a rice cooker or on the stove. Cook according to package directions.

2.Peel sweet potatoes and cut into 1-inch cubes. Cut tops off broccoli and separate into bite-sized florets. If your broccoli stems feel especially woody, I like to peel them (with the same vegetable peeler), then cut them into 1/2- to 1-inch segments.

3.Coat one large or two smaller trays with a thin slick of olive oil. Layer sweet potatoes on tray(s) and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast for 20 minutes, until browning underneath. Flip and toss chunks around, then add broccoli to the tray(s), season again with salt and pepper, and roast for another 10 to 20 minutes, until broccoli is lightly charred at edges and sweet potato is fully bronzed and tender. 4.Toss chunks around one more time if it looks like they're cooking unevenly.

In a small skillet, toast black and white sesame seeds until fragrant. (You can do this in the oven if using an ovenproof skillet.) Let cool. 5. While vegetables roast, prepare sesame-miso dressing: Combine everything in a blender and run until smooth, scraping down sides once. Taste and adjust ingredients if needed, but try to resist adding more honey if it tastes salty, as that extra pop of saltiness is exactly what I think sweet potato needs.

Assemble bowls: Scoop some rice/grains into each, then pile on the roasted sweet potatoes and broccoli. Coat lightly with sesamemiso dressing and finish with toasted sesame seed duo. Serve with extra dressing on the side.

#### **Stuffed Sweet Potatoes**

If you want the max nutrition benefit of these comforting potatoes, you must eat the skins! (I promise they'll taste good since they're rubbed with a little olive oil and salt.) Many of the nutrients in plants are concentrated in their skins and peels, so eat them whenever you can. This goes for carrots, potatoes, beets, pears, apples!
Meatless meals often revolve around beans, grains, or tofu. When I cook meatless, I prefer to let the vegetables take center stage. There's so much you can do with fresh produce and a little creativity.

### Broccoli & Walnut Stuffed Sweet Potatoes

Makes 5 stuffed potatoes For the baked potatoes: 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil Sea salt, to taste

#### For the stuffing:

oil or extra-virgin olive oil 1 cup broccoli florets, finely chopped 1/3 cup toasted walnuts, finely chopped 1/4 cup dried cranberries (preferably fruit juice sweetened), roughly chopped

1 tablespoon virgin coconut

1/2 teaspoon ground cumin 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder 1/2 teaspoon onion powder Sea salt and black pepper, to taste

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Arrange the potatoes in a large glass baking dish. Prick each potato a few times with the tip of a knife. Rub with the olive oil and salt to taste. Bake for 50-60 minutes until tender when pierced with a knife.

When the potatoes are cool enough to handle, carefully cut off a slice from the top of each to expose the flesh of the potato. With a small spoon, carefully scoop the potato flesh into a mixing bowl, taking care to leave behind a 1/3-1/2 inch thick potato "shell." Baked sweet potatoes are more delicate than white potatoes, so work carefully.

Mash the coconut oil into the potato flesh. Stir in the broccoli, walnuts, dried cranberries, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, and pepper. Spoon the filling back into each potato shell, mounding it up as needed. (Can be prepared up to this point 1 day in advance. Cover and refrigerate. See below for freezing instructions.) Cover the stuffed potatoes in the dish loosely with a piece of parchment paper. Return to the oven for 10-15 minutes to heat through.

To Freeze: Prepare the potatoes up through the point of stuffing. (Cool completely if they are still warm.) Place them in a freezer safe container in a single layer and cover tightly. Freeze for up to 2 weeks. To reheat, thaw the baking dish for 18-24 hours in the refrigerator. Bake, loosely covered with parchment paper, at 400 degrees F for 25-30 minutes until hot.

#### Sweet Potato and Wisconsin Cheddar Cheese Curd Gratin

Serves 8 – 10 as a side dish 3 to 4 sweet potatoes, thinly sliced about 1/8 of an inch, approximately 4 to 5 cups worth 10 Wisconsin Garlic and Dill Cheddar Cheese Curds

(plain cheddar curds are fine) 5 cups aged Wisconsin Provolone cheese, grated 2 cups whole milk 1 shallot, peeled and finely minced 1 tablespoon butter Pepper to taste Place a pot of salted water on a burner set to high for the sliced sweet potatoes. Waiting for it to come to a boil, get a separate saucepan on a burner set to medium and melt the butter. Add in the diced shallots and let them sauté until lightly browned. Slowly add in the milk and let the saucepan come back up to a low simmer, turning down the burner as needed. Sprinkle small handfuls of the shredded Provolone, stirring constantly to ensure the melting is as even as possible. Add pepper to season, as the cheese should provide enough of a salty flavor. When the cheese sauce gets to a loose consistency, enough to coat the back of a spoon, take it off the heat and set aside. When the salted water is at a boil, add the sweet potato slices and stir to make sure they don't stick together. Cook for only a few minutes: the thin slices will cook fast, and they only need to be par-boiled, so the oven will finish cooking them. The slices will start to take on a slight golden color to let you know when they're starting to cook. Remove from the heat and strain out the water. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. When

the potato slices are cool enough to handle, arrange in a casserole dish, fanned out like cards or slightly jumbled so there's spaces between the slices for the sauce to get into. Carefully pour the cheese sauce over the potato slices, and sprinkle the Cheddar curds over the top before putting the dish into the oven to bake. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until the curds melt down over the top and brown into a crust. Remove from the oven and let it set for a few minutes before serving.

#### Pesto Broccoli and Sweet Potato Casserole

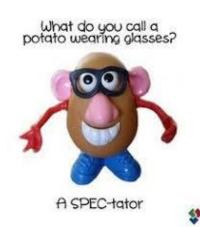
## - TWO WAYS! Ingredients

- For the pesto:
- 2.5 cups basil leaves, packed
- 3 tbsp of pine nuts
- 1/4 cup of olive oil (if you like it thicker, less olive oil)
- 5 cranks of the sea salt grinder
- 5 cranks of the peppercorn grinder
- 1 large clove of garlic minced
- For the rest:
- 2 cups small broccoli florets
- 1 large sweet potato (350g), peeled, Blade C
- pepper, to taste
- 1/3 cup low-sodium vegetable broth
- 1.5 cups shredded mozzarella (optional)

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
- 2. Place all the ingredients for the pesto into a food processor and pulse until smooth. Taste and just, if necessary. Pour half of the

- pesto out into a bowl and add in the broccoli. Toss until broccoli is coated with the pesto. Set the broccoli and remaining pesto aside.
- 3. In the bottom of the casserole, spread out a thin layer of pesto. Then, spread out a layer of the sweet potato rice. Then, add the broccoli. Then, add the rest of the rice to cover the broccoli. Drizzle the remaining pesto over the rice. Then, pour over the vegetable broth. Season with pepper. If using mozzarella, spread over in an even layer over the rice to cover. If you want to leave one half without MOZZARELLAthat's your 2<sup>nd</sup> way!!
- 4. Cover the casserole with tinfoil and bake for 40 minutes.



#### Baked Pasta with Butternut Squash & Ricotta Cheese Pockets ingredients:

- 1 Medium Butternut Squash, Peeled, Seeded, & Cut Into 1-inch Pieces
- 6 Tablespoons Olive Oil, Divided
- Salt & Pepper
- 4 Ounces, Pancetta, Finely Chopped

- 2 Garlic Cloves, Minced
- 2 (14 Ounce) Can Chopped Tomatoes
- 3 Tablespoons Chopped Basil
- 1 Cup Chicken Broth

#### For The Ricotta Pockets:

- 1 Cup Ricotta Cheese
- 3/4 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese, Divided
- 1 Cup Shredded Mozzarella, Divided
- 2 Teaspoons Chopped Parsley
- 1 Pound Package Penne Pasta
- 8 Fresh Sage Leaves

#### directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F
- 2. Toss the diced squash in 3 tablespoons of oil and season with salt and pepper.
- 3. Spread the squash over a foil lined baking sheet and roast for about 20 minutes, or until tender when pierced with a fork.
- 4. Heat the remaining oil in a pot, and once it is hot, cook the pancetta over medium heat until it is no longer pink, about 5 to 7 minutes.
- 5. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, 1 o 2 minutes.
- 6. Add the tomatoes, broth, basil, salt and pepper, then bring to a boil.
- 7. Reduce heat to a simmer, and cook until sauce has thickened, about 15 minutes.
- 8. While the sauce is cooking, bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.
- 9. Cook the pasta for half the recommended cooking time, then drain.
- 10. Place the pasta and roasted squash in an ovenproof casserole dish.

- 11. Pour the sauce over the pasta, and stir to mix.
- 12. In a small bowl, mix the ricotta, 1/2 cup Parmesan, and half the mozzarella along with the parsley.
- 13. Use a spoon to make 8 indentations in the pasta and spoon in some of the ricotta mixture.
- 14. Top the casserole with the remaining Parmesan and mozzarella.
- 15. Sprinkle the casserole with the remaining mozzarella and Parmesan cheese, then arrange the sage leaves on top.
- 16. Bake the pasta in the preheated 375 degree F. oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until the casserole is lightly browned and bubbly.

#### **Sweet Potato Arugula Salad** Recipe

This Sweet Potato Arugula Salad Recipe is packed with pistachios, sweet potato, feta cheese and a delicious honey Dijon vinaigrette that pairs deliciously with arugula.

#### **Ingredients:**

- 4-5 cups arugula
- 1 cup baked sweet potato (diced)
- 3 tablespoons Feta (crumbled)
- 2 tablespoons pistachios
- 3 tablespoons homemade salad dressing
- 2 peeled and quartered hardboiled eggs
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste

#### **Directions:**

- 1. In a large salad bowl, mix together the arugula, sweet potato, feta and pistachios.
- 2. Just before serving, add the homemade salad dressing and toss until all the ingredients are coated.

- 3. Then, place the eggs on top of the salad.
- 4. Season with salt and ground black pepper to taste.
- 5. Enjoy!

#### **How to Make Roasted Squash** Seeds

What You'll Need

- 1 1/2 cups squash seeds (raw, any squash variety)
- 1 3/4 tablespoons butter (melted or olive oil)

#### **How to Make It**

- 1. Gather seeds from squash and place in a colander.
- 2. Squash can be any variety in the season - acorn, butternut, Instructions: and spaghetti are good varieties. Rinse thoroughly in a colander to remove any excess squash.
- 3. Once clean, spread out in an even layer on a cookie sheet and allow to dry. Seeds can be patted dry, but roast much better when they are completely dry.
- 4. Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Toss dry squash seeds with salt and butter and place in a single layer onto a cookie sheet lined with aluminum foil.
- 1. Place in oven and bake for 15-20 minutes or until seeds are golden brown.
- 2. For a variety, other seasoned salts, such as garlic salt, can be used in place of regular

#### **BBO** Chicken & Sweet Potato **Poutine**

Ingredients

1 (20 oz.) package Alexia Sweet Potato Fries-OK!!! This was what THIS recipe CALLED FOR – Obviously I recommend using your White Sweets and making fries with them-then following this recipe- (I would bake the fries in an

- air fryer or oven not in a TON of oil)
- 2-3 c. cooked, shredded chicken
- 1 (10 oz.) package cheese curds
- 2 Tbsp. chopped purple
- 2 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- BBQ Gravy:
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 2 c. chicken broth OR **ZOUP**
- ½ c. barbecue sauce

- 1. Prepare fries according to package instructions.
- 2. While fries are cooking, prepare gravy by combining butter and flour in a small saucepan.
- 3. Cook, stirring, until butter is completely melted.
- 4. Stir in chicken broth and barbecue sauce; bring just to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer until thickened.
- 5. Arrange cooked fries on a large serving tray or individual plates.
- 6. Top with cooked chicken, cheese curds, onion, cilantro, and bbq gravy.

### **Creamy Dreamy Butternut** Squash Turmeric Broccoli Soup -**Vegan and Paleo**

Ingredients

- 1. 2 cups butternut squash puréed
- 2. 1 cup of frozen or fresh broccoli florets
- 3. 1/2 tsp. turmeric I love Flavor of the Earth brand
- 4. 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 5. 1/4 tsp. dried or fresh parsley (cilantro/coriander would be nice too)
- 6. 1/2 an onion (left whole)\* **Optional**

- 1 tablespoon of tahini or cashew butter (for extra creaminess)\*\*
- 2. pinch of sea salt if you prefer a saltier flavor (just a dash!)

#### **Instructions**

- 1. First, put your broccoli in a colander and give it a good rinse. Add it to a pot with 1/4 cup water and bring to a slow boil.
- 2. As the broccoli starts to cook down and becomes softer, add the butternut squash. Stir to incorporate and leave the stovetop on high.
- 3. Add in the 1/2 an onion (leave it whole), and let it cook with the broccoli and butternut squash. It will add tons of flavor without using salt. (You could also chop it up and use it the same way, I just don't tolerate/digest onions well at all, so I use it this way to add flavor instead.)
- 4. Let the mixture cook uncovered on the stove on high for about 6 minutes. It will cook down a bit and the flavors will start to develop.
- 5. Next, add in the pepper, parsley, and stir in the tahini or cashew butter if using (this makes it super creamy!).
- 6. Turn the heat off and put the lid on the pot. Leave the pot on the burner for a minute to sit
- 7. Remove the lid from the pot, remove the onion with a pair of tongs and discard. Pour the soup into a bowl and serve. If using sea salt, go ahead and add just a small dash now (I don't use any).
- 8. Enjoy!

- 1. \*If you want to add chopped onion and even a clove of garlic, that would be great too. I don't tolerate garlic and onions very well, so I just let them cook with my soups and stews and then remove them before serving. This works great to add flavor but doesn't cause GI distress.
- 2. \*\*You could also use Earth Balance buttery spread (vegan), or a dash of cashew milk instead of the cashew butter or tahini if you like. Any of these options will add a little creaminess and some healthy fats too.

Adapted from HeatherMcClees.com Stuffed Bell Peppers with Butternut Squash, Spinach, and Brown Rice

Theroastedroot.com

#### **Ingredients**

- 3 in bell peppers cut half length-wise, insides removed (colors of choice)
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup uncooked brown rice
- 1.5 cups water
- 1 tablespoon grapeseed oil
- ½ cups large yellow onion finely chopped (about 2.5 chopped onion)
- 2 cups butternut squash peeled and chopped into ¼"
   -½" cubes (about half a small butternut squash)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable broth or water
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons coriander
- 2 teaspoons fennel seeds
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt or to taste
- 1 cup baby spinach roughly chopped

#### **Instructions**

1. Prepare your brown rice as it states on the package. I use a 2:1 ratio of water to rice,

- boil the water and let the rice simmer for 35 45 minutes.
- 2. Heat the grapeseed oil over medium heat in a large skillet. Add chopped butternut squash, stir to coat with oil, cover the skillet and cook for 5 minutes.
- 3. Remove the cover and add the 2 tablespoons of stock/water. Replace the cover, cook an additional 2 to 3 minutes. Add the yellow onion, cumin, coriander, garlic powder, fennel seeds and salt. Stir and sauté an additional 8 minutes until butternut squash is soft and all the water has evaporated.
- 4. When rice is finished cooking, add the rice and the chopped spinach to the skillet with the butternut squash. Stir well and set aside.
- 5. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.
- 6. Cut the bell peppers lengthwise, remove their insides and place cut-side down on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake in the oven for 5 minutes.
- 7. Remove peppers from the oven, allow them to cool and then flip them over (cutside up) and stuff them with the stuffing, loading them up to the max (you may have a little leftover butternut squash stuffing).
- 8. Bake the stuffed peppers for 7 minutes then remove and serve with your favorite meal!

Dear Farm Friends-

It has been my sincere pleasure to be your CSA director this year. We had some fun, we struggled a little, but we all (most likely) ate more fresh fruits and veggies. It really doesn't have to end if you don't want it to. In fact, I'd truly love the opportunity to speak with you. I will be at the farm and I want to hear from you. What you liked, loved, hated, changes you would recommend, what worked for you what didn't. Your opinion is crucial to the success of the program. For example, the PYO share type was born out of our members (at Dreyer Farms) asking for a free form CSA. You, of course, can continue your own and come weekly and build your own box! It might be fun! Check out Dreyer Farms.com and click on recipes and you can see what we are doing until the end of November! If you want to take me up on my offer to talk at the farm - stop by the sofas at your pick up and join me for coffee and treats as we discuss the 2017 CSA. If you want to secure your 2018 spot we will have a signup sheet. Thanks again, I really mean it, it has been a pleasure!

Your CSA Director and Fellow Veggie Lovin' Friend Dawn Salerno 908.477.0105-call or text anytime I love hearing from you!

