

## HARVEST OF THE MONTH:

# Pomegranate



### Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 pomegranate (3-3/8" dia) (154.0 g)

#### Amount Per Serving

**Calories** 105 Calories from Fat 4

**% Daily Value\***

**Total Fat** 0.5g **1%**

Saturated Fat 0.1g **0%**

Trans Fat 0.0g

Polyunsaturated Fat 0.1g

Monounsaturated Fat 0.1g

**Cholesterol** 0mg **0%**

**Sodium** 5mg **0%**

**Total Carbohydrates** 26.4g **9%**

Dietary Fiber 0.9g **4%**

Sugars 25.5g

**Protein** 1.5g

Vitamin A 3% Vitamin C 16%

Calcium 0% Iron 3%

## HOW DO YOU CUT A POMEGRANATE

1. Cut the crown off the pomegranate.
2. Slice it into 4 wedges.
3. Immerse the wedge in a bowl of water and use a spoon or your hand to loosen the seeds into the water.
4. The seeds will sink to the bottom and the white membrane will float to the top. Remove the white pieces with a spoon. Strain the seeds to remove the water.

## PICKING OUT A POMEGRANATE

- The skin of a pomegranate should be brightly colored and shiny without cuts and brown spots.
- The outer skin should cling to the inside seeds of the fruit.
- The fruit will not ripen after it has been picked from the tree.
- Store the fruit in a cool dark place.

## WHAT ARE ANTIOXIDANTS?

- Antioxidants help remove oxidants (reactive molecules) in the body.
- Oxidants come from harmful chemicals and from the body's normal functions.
- These oxidants can cause disease and inflammation.
- To remove oxidants, eat foods that are dark in color. Pomegranates, blueberries, blackberries, and raspberries are just a few fruits that can help your body protect itself.

## WHAT TO DO WITH POMEGRANATES?

- What can you do with these tantalizing seeds? Pop them into your mouth and enjoy! Or, try sprinkling over salads, fruit desserts, cakes or puddings or use in glazes and garnish. Top waffles, oatmeal, pancakes, cereal, or sundaes.



# Pomegranate Recipes

## LADYBUGS ON A LOG

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 large celery ribs
- ½ C. pomegranate seeds
- 4 oz. cream cheese

### DIRECTIONS

Score 1 fresh pomegranate and place in a bowl of water. Break open the pomegranate underwater to free the arils, drain. Wash, trim, dry, and cut the celery into four pieces each. Fill each piece of celery with cheese. Divide the arils evenly and press onto the cheese. Serve right away or refrigerate for 1 hour.

## POMEGRANATE SALSA

### INGREDIENTS

- ¼ C. pomegranate juice
- 2 C. arils from 2-3 large pomegranates
- 3-4 tsp. chopped jalapeno pepper (optional)
- ¼ C. finely chopped yellow bell pepper
- 4 T chopped cilantro
- 1 T granulated sugar
- ½ T white vinegar
- ½ T water

### DIRECTIONS

Combine all of the ingredients and mix thoroughly. Serve with tortilla chips or as a garnish for grilled chicken.

## POMEGRANATE AND TOASTED ALMOND QUINOA

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ C. quinoa, rinsed in cold water 3 times
- 6 C. Water
- ½ tsp. kosher salt
- ½ C. scallion green, washed and sliced into thin rounds
- ½ bunch flat-leaf parsley, washed and roughly chopped
- Seeds from 1 pomegranate (1 C.)
- ½ C. toasted sliced or slivered almonds
- 1 T extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp. red wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

### DIRECTIONS

In a large pot, add ½ tsp. salt to the 6 C. of water and bring to a boil. Add the quinoa, and cook until tender (8 minutes). Using a sieve, drain well. Cool to room temperature, and set aside in refrigerator. Mix the parsley, scallion greens, pomegranate seeds, olive oil, and red wine vinegar in a bowl. Add the quinoa, and season with salt and pepper, to taste. To serve, top with the toasted almonds.

## POMEGRANATE SMOOTHIE

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 oz. plain yogurt
- 1 medium banana
- ¾ C. frozen peach slices
- ½ C. red raspberries
- ¼ C. frozen blueberries
- 4 oz. 100% pomegranate juice
- Ice as needed to thicken

### DIRECTIONS

Combine ingredients in blender, and blend until desired consistency.