

# Creamy Cucumber and Chicken Salad

½ pound chicken breast
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1 cup slivered almonds
½ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
3 ounces reduced fat cream cheese
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Marinate chicken breast in lemon juice for one hour. Remove chicken from marinade and chop into bite sized pieces. Sauté in preheated nonstick skillet until thoroughly cooked and no longer pink in the center. Set aside to cool. Toast slivered almonds on low heat in a non-stick skillet until fragrant. Set aside to cool. In a large mixing bowl combine yogurt,

cream cheese, mustard, salt, pepper

and dill. Add chicken and toss. Add

1/2 teaspoon sea salt

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

2 tablespoons fresh chopped dill

2 medium cucumbers, chopped

1 cup dried cranberries

8 lettuce leaves

cucumbers, cranberries and almonds to chicken mixture. **Toss** to coat. **Cover and chill** in refrigerator for 1 hour. **Spoon** salad into washed and dried lettuce leaves. **Serve** cold.

Yield: 8 servings

**Nutritional Analysis:** 210 calories, 10 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 30 mg cholesterol, 290 mg sodium, 19 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 14 g sugars, 12 g protein.

## Kentucky Cucumbers

**SEASON:** June to September

### **NUTRITION FACTS:**

Cucumbers are naturally high in water. A  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup serving contains only 7 calories.

**SELECTION:** Choose firm, fully green cucumbers with no yellowing or soft spots. Slicing cucumbers, suitable for eating, are 6 to 9 inches long with small, white spines on the surface that rub off easily. Pickling cucumbers are smaller and have, black spines on the surface.

**STORAGE:** Store unwashed cucumbers in the refrigerator for up to a week. Sliced cucumbers should be tightly wrapped and refrigerated up to 3 days.

PREPARATION: Wash under cool, running water to remove visible dirt. Slice. You may want to remove the seeds in mature cucumbers by cutting lengthwise and scooping seeds from the center with a spoon.

**PRESERVING:** Follow recipe instructions. Four pounds of cucumbers yield 5-6 pints of pickles.

#### **KENTUCKY CUCUMBERS**

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