

Comprehensive Elimination Diet

The comprehensive elimination diet is a dietary programme designed to clear the body of foods and chemicals you may be allergic or sensitive to and, at the same time, to improve your body's ability to handle and dispose of these substances.

This is called an elimination diet because you will be asked to remove certain foods, and food categories, from your diet. The main rationale behind the diet is that these modifications allow your body's detoxification machinery, which may be overburdened or compromised, to recover and begin to function efficiently again. The dietary changes help the body eliminate or "clear" various toxins that may have accumulated due to environmental exposure, foods, beverages, drugs, alcohol, or cigarette smoking.

Clinical experience has shown this process to be generally well tolerated and extremely beneficial. There is really no "typical" or "normal" response. A person's initial response to any new diet is highly variable, and this diet is no exception. This can be attributed to physiological, mental, and biochemical differences among individuals; the degree of exposure to and type of "toxin"; and other lifestyle factors. Most often, individuals on the elimination diet report increased energy and mental alertness, decreased muscle or joint pain, and a general sense of improved well-being. However, some people report initial reactions to the diet, especially in the first week, as their bodies adjust to a different dietary programme. Symptoms you may experience in the first week or so are changes in sleep patterns, lightheadedness, headaches, joint or muscle stiffness, and changes in gastrointestinal function. Such symptoms rarely last for more than a few days.

Changing food habits can be a complex, difficult, and sometimes confusing process. It doesn't have to be, and this handout has simplified the process with diet menus, recipes, snack suggestions, and other information to make it a "do-able" process. Peruse this information carefully. If you have any questions about the diet or any problems, please contact your healthcare practitioner. Usually these issues can be quickly resolved.

Bon appétit!

Comprehensive Elimination Diet: Introduction to the Menu Plan

- Eat only the foods listed under “Foods to Include” and avoid those foods shown under “Foods to Exclude” in the “Comprehensive Elimination Diet Guidelines.” These guidelines are intended as a quick overview of the dietary plan. If you have a question about a particular food, check to see if it is on the food list. You should, of course, avoid any listed foods to which you know you are intolerant or allergic. Some of these guidelines may be changed based upon your personal health condition and history.
- The “7-Day Menu Plan” may be used “as is” or as a “starting point.” This is a suggested menu that you might find useful while you are on the elimination diet. Feel free to modify it and to incorporate your favourite foods, provided that they are on the accepted list.
- You may use leftovers for the next day’s meal or as part of a meal, e.g., leftover grilled salmon and broccoli from dinner as part of a large salad for lunch the next day.
- It may be helpful to cook extra chicken, sweet potatoes, rice, beans, etc., that can be reheated for snacking or another meal.
- Most foods on the menu plan freeze quite well.
- Please add extra vegetables and fruits as needed. The menu is a basic one and needs your personal touch. *This is not a calorie-restricted diet.* Use the suggested snacks as needed for hunger or cravings; leftovers are also handy to eat as snacks.
- If you are a vegetarian, eliminate the meats and fish and consume more beans and rice, quinoa, amaranth, teff, millet, and buckwheat.
- Breakfasts that need cooking are easiest to incorporate on your days off.
- If you are consuming coffee or other caffeine-containing beverages on a regular basis, it is always wise to slowly reduce your caffeine intake rather than abruptly stop it; this will prevent caffeine-withdrawal headaches. For instance, try drinking half-decaf/half-regular coffee for a few days, then slowly reduce the total amount of coffee.
- Select fresh foods whenever you can. If possible, choose organically grown fruits and vegetables to eliminate pesticide and chemical residue consumption. Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly.
- Read oil labels; use only those that are obtained by a “cold pressed” method.
- If you select animal sources of protein, look for free-range or organically raised chicken, turkey, or lamb. Trim visible fat and prepare by baking, stewing, grilling, or stir-frying. Cold-water fish (e.g., salmon, mackerel, halibut) is another excellent source of protein and the omega-3 essential fatty acids, which are important nutrients in this diet. Fish is used extensively. If you do not tolerate fish, consult with your practitioner, who might suggest supplemental fish oils. Avoid shellfish, as it may cause an allergic reaction.
- Remember to drink the recommended amount (at least 2 quarts) of plain, filtered water each day.
- Strenuous or prolonged exercise may be reduced during some or the entire programme to allow the body to heal more effectively without the additional burden imposed by exercise. Adequate rest and stress reduction are also important to the success of this programme.
- Any time you change your diet significantly, you may experience such symptoms as fatigue, headache, or muscle aches for a few days. Your body needs time as it is “withdrawing” from the foods you eat on a daily basis. Your body may crave some foods it is used to consuming. *Persevere.* Those symptoms generally don’t last long, and most people feel much better over the next few weeks.

Good luck!

Comprehensive Elimination Diet Guidelines

FOODS to INCLUDE	FOODS to EXCLUDE
Fruits: whole fruits, unsweetened, frozen or water packed, canned fruits, and diluted juices	Oranges and orange juice
Dairy substitutes: rice, oat, and nut milks such as almond milk and coconut milk	Milk, cheese, eggs, cottage cheese, cream, yoghurt, butter, ice cream, frozen yoghurt, and nondairy creamers
Non-gluten grains and starch: brown rice, oats, millet, quinoa, amaranth, teff, tapioca, buckwheat, and potato flour	Grains: wheat, corn, barley, spelt, kamut, rye, and triticale
Animal protein: fresh or water-packed fish, wild game, lamb, duck, organic chicken, and turkey	Pork, beef/veal, sausage, cold cuts, canned meats, frankfurters, and shellfish
Vegetable protein: split peas, lentils, and legumes	Soybean products: soy sauce, soybean oil in processed foods, tempeh, tofu, soy milk, soy yoghurt, and textured vegetable protein
Nuts and seeds: walnuts, sesame, pumpkin, and sunflower seeds, hazelnuts, pecans, almonds, cashews, and nut butters such as almond or tahini	Peanuts and peanut butter
Vegetables: all raw, steamed, sautéed, juiced, or roasted vegetables	Corn and creamed vegetables
Oils: cold-pressed olive, flax, safflower, sesame, almond, sunflower, walnut, canola, and pumpkin	Butter, margarine, lard, processed oils, salad dressings, mayonnaise, and spreads
Drinks: filtered or distilled water, decaffeinated herbal teas, sparkling water, and mineral water	Alcohol, coffee and other caffeinated beverages, and soda or soft drinks
Sweeteners: brown rice syrup, agate nectar, stevia, fruit sweetener, and blackstrap molasses	Refined sugar, white/brown sugars, honey, maple syrup, high fructose corn syrup, and evaporated cane juice
Condiments: vinegar and all spices, including salt, pepper, basil, carob, cinnamon, cumin, dill, garlic, ginger, mustard, oregano, parsley, rosemary, tarragon, thyme, and turmeric	Chocolate, ketchup, relish, chutney, soy sauce, barbecue sauce, teriyaki sauce, and other condiments

Things to watch for:

- Corn starch in baking powder and any processed foods
- Corn syrup, evaporated cane juice, and other sweeteners in beverages and processed foods
- Vinegar in ketchup, mayonnaise, and mustard that is from wheat or corn
- Breads advertised as gluten-free that contain spelt, kamut, or rye
- Amaranth and millet flake cereals that contain corn
- Canned tunas that contain textured vegetable protein, which is from soy; look for low-salt versions, which tend to be pure tuna with no fillers
- Multigrain rice cakes that are not just rice; purchase plain rice cakes.

READ ALL INGREDIENT LABELS CAREFULLY

Elimination Diet Shopping List

Fruits

- ✓ Apples, applesauce
- ✓ Apricots (fresh)
- ✓ Avocado
- ✓ Bananas
- ✓ Berries – all varieties
- ✓ Cherries
- ✓ Coconut
- ✓ Figs (fresh)
- ✓ Grapefruit
- ✓ Kiwi
- ✓ Kumquats
- ✓ Lemons, limes
- ✓ Mangos
- ✓ Melons
- ✓ Nectarines
- ✓ Papayas
- ✓ Peaches
- ✓ Pears
- ✓ Prunes

* All the above fruit can be consumed raw or juiced

Vegetables

- ✓ Artichokes
- ✓ Asparagus
- ✓ Bamboo shoots
- ✓ Beets, beet tops
- ✓ Bok choy
- ✓ Broccoli
- ✓ Brussels sprouts
- ✓ Cabbage
- ✓ Bell peppers
- ✓ Carrots
- ✓ Cauliflower
- ✓ Celery
- ✓ Chives
- ✓ Cucumbers
- ✓ Aubergine
- ✓ Kale
- ✓ Kohlrabi
- ✓ Leeks
- ✓ Lettuce, spinach, all varieties of greens
- ✓ Mushrooms
- ✓ Okra
- ✓ Onions
- ✓ Potatoes
- ✓ Sea vegetables – seaweed, kelp
- ✓ Snow peas
- ✓ Squash
- ✓ Sweet potato, yams
- ✓ Tomatoes
- ✓ Courgettes

* All the above vegetables can be consumed raw, juiced steamed, sautéed, or baked

Condiments

- ✓ Mustard (made with apple cider vinegar)
- ✓ Nutritional yeast

Non-Gluten Grains, Starches & Flours

- ✓ Amaranth
- ✓ Arrowroot
- ✓ Garbanzo bean flour
- ✓ Millet
- ✓ Oat
- ✓ Potato starch and flour
- ✓ Quinoa
- ✓ Rice – brown, white, wild, rice bran
- ✓ Sorghum
- ✓ Tapioca
- ✓ Teff
- ✓ Buckwheat

Vinegars

- ✓ Apple Cider
- ✓ Balsamic
- ✓ Red wine
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Tarragon
- ✓ Ume plum

Herbs, Spices & Extracts

- ✓ Basil
- ✓ Black pepper
- ✓ Cinnamon
- ✓ Cumin
- ✓ Dandelion
- ✓ Dill
- ✓ Dry mustard
- ✓ Garlic
- ✓ Ginger
- ✓ Nutmeg
- ✓ Oregano
- ✓ Parsley
- ✓ Rosemary
- ✓ Salt-free herbal blends
- ✓ Sea salt
- ✓ Tarragon
- ✓ Thyme
- ✓ Turmeric
- ✓ Pure vanilla extract

Cereals & Pasta

- ✓ Cream of rice or buckwheat
- ✓ Oats
- ✓ Puffed rice
- ✓ Puffed millet
- ✓ Quinoa flakes
- ✓ Rice pasta
- ✓ 100% buckwheat soba noodles
- ✓ Rice crackers and cakes

Beans

- ✓ All beans except soy
- ✓ Lentils – brown, green, red
- ✓ Split peas

* All the above beans can be dried or canned

Breads & Baking Ingredients

- ✓ Baking soda
- ✓ Gluten free breads
- ✓ Rice flour and gluten-free baking mixes and pancake mixes
- ✓ Mochi

Flesh Foods

- ✓ Free-range chicken, turkey, duck
- ✓ Fresh ocean fish – Pacific salmon, halibut, haddock, cod, sole, pollock, tuna, mahi-mahi
- ✓ Lamb
- ✓ Water-packed canned tuna
- ✓ Wild game

Dairy Substitutes

- ✓ Almond milk
- ✓ Rice milk
- ✓ Coconut milk
- ✓ Oat milk

Beverages

- ✓ Herbal tea (caffeine free)
- ✓ Mineral water
- ✓ Pure, unsweetened fruit or vegetable juices
- ✓ Spring water

Oils, Fats, Nuts & Seeds

- ✓ Almonds, almond oil
- ✓ Avocado oil
- ✓ Flaxseed, flax oil
- ✓ Canola oil
- ✓ Cashews
- ✓ Coconut oil
- ✓ Grapeseed oil
- ✓ Hazelnuts (filberts)
- ✓ Olives, olive oil
- ✓ Pecans
- ✓ Pistachios
- ✓ Poppy seeds
- ✓ Pumpkin seeds and oil
- ✓ Safflower
- ✓ Sesame seeds and oil, tahini
- ✓ Sunflower seeds and oil
- ✓ Walnuts

* All the above nuts and seeds can be consumed as butters and spreads

Sweeteners

- ✓ Fruit sweetener, apple juice concentrate
- ✓ Agave nectar
- ✓ Molasses
- ✓ Rice syrup
- ✓ Stevia

Comprehensive Elimination Diet:

7-Day Menu Plan

- ✓ This is a suggested day-by-day menu for 1 week while on the comprehensive elimination diet.
- ✓ Use this menu to stimulate your own ideas and modify it according to your own taste.
- ✓ Serving sizes in each recipe are approximate; adapt them to your own appetite.
- ✓ You may mix and match foods from different days according to your own preferences.
- ✓ Substitutions with store-bought items are allowed as long as you avoid restricted foods. For example, many instant soups or canned soups from the health food store are OK—read labels.
- ✓ Recipes for the menu items marked with an asterisk (*) are included at the end of this handout.

DAY 1

Breakfast

Cooked whole-grain cereal (oatmeal, cream of brown rice, buckwheat, teff, or quinoa flakes)

- ✓ served with rice, oat, or almond milk, cinnamon, and allowable sweetener of your choice
- ✓ garnished with chopped walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts, or toasted pumpkin seeds
- ✓ topped with fresh or frozen unsweetened fruit

Lunch

Lentil Soup* or Split Pea Soup,* or black bean soup

Sesame rice crackers or rice cakes

Carrot and celery sticks

Fresh figs, plums, or cherries

Dinner

Grilled salmon

Cooked millet or baked white or sweet potato or Quinoa Salad*

Oven-Roasted Veggies*

Mixed green salad with Vinaigrette Dressing*

Crispy Rice Squares* or fresh apple

DAY 2

Breakfast

Fruit Smoothie:

- ✓ blend rice or almond milk with ½ banana and/or pineapple slice and one or two ice cubes
- ✓ add flax powder or other fibre if desired

Applesauce Bread* or Banana Bread*

Lunch

Asparagus Soup* (or yesterday's leftover soup)

Cabbage Salad*

Rice cakes with walnut butter

Fresh peach or pear

Dinner

Grilled lamb chop

Nutty Green Rice* or Mock Mac 'n Cheese*

Cooked veggie mix:

- ✓ steamed broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots
- ✓ tossed with olive oil and herbs (oregano, thyme, basil, tarragon, etc.)

Fruity Spinach Salad*

DAY 3

Breakfast

Nutri-Ola,* or crispy brown rice, or puffed rice or puffed millet cereal

✓ served with rice or almond milk, topped with sliced berries

Leftover Applesauce Bread* or Banana Bread*

Lunch

Brown rice and black beans mix

✓ topped with flax oil

✓ garnished with chopped spring onions and sliced avocado or Guacamole*

Baking Powder Biscuits*

Tropical fruit salad

✓ sliced mango, kiwi, and strawberries

✓ topped with shredded unsweetened coconut and chopped walnuts or pecans

Dinner

Grilled or poached halibut

Baked butternut or acorn squash, sprinkled with cinnamon

Chopped courgette, red peppers, garlic, and onion sautéed in olive oil, topped with basil

Mixed green salad with Vinaigrette Dressing*

✓ choose greens from arugula, endive, radicchio, red leaf, romaine, butter head, Boston, cabbage, dandelion, escarole; add red cabbage, garbanzo beans, red onion, olives, carrots and fresh fruit

DAY 4

Breakfast

Sweet Potato Delight* and/or leftover Nutri-Ola* square

Cantaloupe half, filled with blueberries and sprinkled with cinnamon

Lunch

Leftover brown rice and black beans mix or

Halibut salad:

✓ Mixed greens of your choice

✓ chopped vegetables with garbanzo or kidney beans

✓ leftover halibut cut into chunks

✓ Vinaigrette Dressing*

Fresh banana or leftover Crispy Rice Squares*

Dinner

Skinless chicken, oven baked or grilled, sprinkled with garlic powder and tarragon

Brown rice or wild rice, or Basic Kasha *, dressed with flax or sesame oil

Asparagus, cut into 1-inch pieces and stir-fried in olive oil and garlic

Gingerbread*

DAY 5

Breakfast

Mochiko Rice Waffles*, topped with Sautéed Apples*

Fruit smoothie:

- ✓ blend rice or almond milk with a peach and/or raspberries and one or two ice cubes
- ✓ add flax powder or other fibre if desired

Lunch

Quinoa Salad* or

Chicken salad:

- ✓ mixed greens
- ✓ leftover chicken, cut into pieces
- ✓ your choice of Guacamole* or Nutty Mayo*

Beans and Greens Soup*

Rice cakes or rice bread with Pear Honey* or unsweetened apple butter

Dinner

Fresh tuna, topped with herbs (tarragon, dill, or parsley) and grilled

Rice pasta with olive oil and Mock Pesto* or baked sweet potato topped with flax oil

Steamed vegetables: kale or cabbage tossed with olive oil and garlic

Mixed green salad with kidney beans and Vinaigrette Dressing *

Fresh fruit salad: mango and pineapple chunks and sliced kiwi

DAY 6

Breakfast

Meal in a Muffin* or Breakfast Rice Pudding*

Rice milk, oat milk, or almond milk, berries, sweetener, and pecans

Lunch

Tuna salad:

- ✓ leftover tuna mashed and mixed with
- ✓ hummus (from health food store)

Leftover Beans and Greens Soup*

Baking Powder Biscuits*

Fresh pear or nectarine

Dinner

Roast turkey breast or grilled turkey burger or Spiced Lentil Casserole* and/or

Brown Rice and Peas*

Steamed broccoli, carrots, and/or green beans topped with flax oil and herbs of choice

Baked Apple*

DAY 7

Breakfast

Toasted rice bread topped with pear butter or
Rice Pancakes* topped with pear butter or Sautéed Apples*
Cantaloupe chunks

Lunch

Turkey salad:

- ✓ Mixed greens or mix of cannellini beans, celery, spring onions, and apple chunks
- ✓ Nutty Mayo* or hummus

Cucumber slices marinated in rice vinegar and dill

Rice crackers

Banana

Dinner

Rice Pasta Primavera* or Black Beans and Yellow Rice*

Pickled Beets*

Mixed greens salad with cherry tomatoes and Vinaigrette Dressing*

Leftover Breakfast Rice Pudding* topped with dried apples

Snack Suggestions

- Rice cakes or rice crackers spread with:
 - ✓ almond or cashew nut butter, or
 - ✓ apple butter, or
 - ✓ Pear Honey*
- Sesame rice crackers and hummus
- Fresh fruits (except orange)
- Fresh raw veggie wedges
- Nuts and seeds (except peanuts)
- Crispy Rice Squares (recipe on page 15)
- Gingerbread, (recipe on page 20)
- Sparkling mineral water with unsweetened fruit juice

Comprehensive Elimination Diet: Recipes for 7-Day Menu

DAY 1 RECIPES

Lentil Soup - *Serves 4*

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 medium onion, chopped
2 large carrots, sliced or chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 ½ cups red and/or green lentils, well rinsed
2 quarts water or broth
Pinch thyme or any herbs of your choice
Salt to taste

Combine first 6 ingredients and bring to boil. Add seasonings. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, partially covered, until lentils are soft. Green lentils need about 45 minutes to 1 hour, while red lentils only need 20-30 minutes. Puree half of the soup in the blender if you prefer a creamy soup.

Split Pea Soup - *Serves 6*

3 cups dry split peas, well rinsed
2 quarts water
1 tsp. salt
1 bay leaf
½ - 1 tsp. dry mustard
2 onions, chopped fine
4 cloves garlic, minced
3 stalks celery, chopped
2 medium carrots, sliced
Salt and pepper to taste
3 Tbsp. apple-cider vinegar or rice vinegar

Combine peas, water, salt, bay leaf, and mustard in 6-quart pot. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer, partially covered for about 20 minutes. Add vegetables and simmer for another 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add more water as needed. Add salt, pepper, and vinegar to taste.

Quinoa Salad - *Serves 8-10*

1 ½ cups quinoa, rinsed several times
3 cups water, or chicken broth or vegetable broth (or a combination)
1 cup fresh or frozen peas (frozen baby peas should be just defrosted)
Chopped veggies, raw or lightly steamed (broccoli, asparagus, green beans, etc)
½ cup chopped red onion
1 pint cherry tomatoes (optional)
½ cup chopped black olives (optional)
1/3 cup olive oil
2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar or lemon juice
1 or 2 crushed garlic cloves
2-4 Tbsp. fresh dill, chopped (or 1 Tbsp. dried dill)
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley
salt and pepper to taste

Rinse quinoa well (quinoa tastes bitter if not well rinsed). Bring 3 cups water or broth to a boil. Add rinsed quinoa and bring back to boil. Simmer uncovered for about 15 minutes until liquid is well absorbed. Transfer

to large bowl with a small amount of olive oil to prevent sticking, and allow to cool. Meantime, mix together remaining oil, vinegar or lemon juice, parsley, and garlic in a small bowl. Add veggies to quinoa and toss well with dressing mixture, dill, salt and pepper. Chill before serving.

Oven-Roasted Veggies – *number of servings depend on amount of veggies used*

Use any combination of the following vegetables, unpeeled, washed, and cut into bite-sized pieces: aubergine, small red potatoes, red onion, yellow or green summer squash, mushrooms, asparagus. Toss with crushed garlic cloves, olive oil and sprinkle with rosemary, oregano, tarragon, and basil to taste. Spread in roasting pan in single layers and roast approximately 20-40 minutes at 400 degrees until veggies are tender and slightly brown, stirring occasionally. The amount of time needed depends on the size of the veggie. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve while warm, or use cold leftovers in salad.

Vinaigrette Dressing – *Serves 6*

Note: ingredient amounts in this recipe are approximate - use more or less of certain ingredients to adapt recipe to your personal taste).

¼ cup each flax and extra-virgin olive oils
3 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar (preferred because it has the richest flavor)
2-3 Tbsp. water
1 tsp. dry mustard
1-3 cloves fresh garlic (whole pieces for flavor or crushed for stronger taste)
Salt and pepper to taste
Oregano, basil, parsley, tarragon or any herbs of your choice, fresh or dried

Place vinegar, water and mustard in a tightly capped jar, and shake well to thoroughly dissolve mustard. Add oil and remaining ingredients and shake well again. Store refrigerated and shake well before using. Dressing will harden when cold; allow 5-10 minutes to re-liquify.

Crispy Rice Squares – *Yields 2 dozen*

1 tsp. cold pressed canola oil
½ cup brown rice syrup
2 Tbsp. sesame tahini, or almond butter
3 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups crispy brown rice cereal
2 cups puffed rice
2 cups puffed millet
½ cup pumpkin or sunflower seeds
½ cup currants, chopped dried apple or dates

Heat oil in a large pot; add rice syrup and tahini or almond butter. Stir until bubbly. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Add remaining ingredients and mix well with a wooden spoon. Press into an ungreased 13x9" pan and press mixture flat. Let mixture set at room temperature or refrigerate. Cut into squares. Store in an airtight container.

DAY 2 RECIPES

Applesauce Bread – *Yields 14 slices*

1 cup teff flour
1 cup oat or rice flour
1 tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. nutmeg
1 cup unsweetened applesauce

1 Tbsp. safflower or sesame oil
½ cup brown rice syrup or fruit juice concentrate
Egg Replacer to equal 1 egg (*See below under Miscellaneous Recipes*)
3-4 Tbsp. Apple butter
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

Combine the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Combine the wet ingredients in a small bowl and mix into the dry ingredients. Pour into oiled 9 inch square pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Banana Bread - Yields 14 slices

¼ cup walnuts, ground finely in blender
1¾ cups brown rice flour
½ cup arrowroot
2 tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
½ cup chopped walnuts
1½ cups ripe mashed banana
¼ cup safflower or sesame oil
6 Tbsp. apple juice concentrate
Egg Replacer to equal 2 eggs (*See below under Miscellaneous Recipes*)
1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix finely ground walnuts with flour, arrowroot, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Stir in the chopped walnuts. In a separate bowl, mix together the banana, oil, apple juice, egg replacer, lemon and vanilla. Add to the flour mixture and stir until just moistened. Do not over mix. Pour into a greased 9"X5" loaf pan and bake for 55-60 minutes or until cake tester inserted in middle comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes, then remove from pan and cool on wire rack.

Asparagus Soup - Serves 4

Used with permission from The Allergy Self-Help Cookbook by Marjorie Hurt Jones

1 lb. asparagus, trimmed
2 medium leeks or 4 large shallots
1 Tbsp. oil
2-3 cloves garlic, minced
2 cups water or chicken stock
1 tsp. dried dill weed
pinch nutmeg

Slice off the tips of the asparagus and reserve them. Cut the remaining stalks into 1" pieces. Slice the leeks in half lengthwise and wash under cold water to remove any sand. Slice into ¼" pieces. Sauté the leeks or shallots in the oil over medium heat until soft. Add the garlic and sliced asparagus stalks. Cook, stirring, another minute or two. Add the water or stock and dill. Simmer 10-12 minutes.

Remove from heat, allow to cool 5-10 minutes. Puree half the volume at a time. Return to pan, add the reserved asparagus tips and simmer 3-5 minutes or until tips are just barely tender. Add nutmeg. If soup is too thick, thin with additional water or stock.

Cabbage Salad - Serves 4-6

1 small to medium head red cabbage, thinly sliced (or use half red and half green cabbage)
8 sliced radishes, or 1 grated carrot
3 green apples, diced
1 stalk celery, chopped
½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans
dash garlic powder

2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 tsp. vinegar
1 tsp. lemon juice

Mix all ingredients in a bowl and allow to sit for an hour, stirring once or twice. Serve cold or at room temperature.

Nutty Green Rice - *Serves 4*

1 cup brown basmati rice
2 cups water
¼ to ½ tsp salt
½ cup almonds
1 bunch parsley
1 clove garlic
1½ Tbsp. lemon juice
1½ Tbsp. olive oil
½ cucumber, diced
pepper to taste

Bring water to a boil, add rice and salt, stir and simmer, covered, for 45 minutes. Remove from heat and let sit for another 10 minutes; then remove cover and allow to cool. While rice is cooking, blend almonds, parsley, garlic, and oil in a food processor. When rice is cool, stir with nut mixture and add pepper to taste. Garnish with cucumber if desired.

Mock Mac 'n Cheese - *Servings depend on amounts of ingredients used*

Cook desired amount of brown rice pasta according to package instructions. Toss cooked pasta with olive oil and sprinkle with several tablespoons of nutritional yeast. The yeast gives the pasta a cheese-like taste.

Fruity Spinach Salad - *Serves 6-8*

1 lb. fresh spinach, washed, dried, torn into pieces
1 pint fresh organic strawberries or raspberries, washed
½ cup chopped walnuts or sliced almonds

Dressing:

2 Tbsp. sesame seeds
1 Tbsp. poppy seeds
2 spring onions, chopped
¼ cup flax seed oil
¼ cup safflower oil
¼ cup balsamic vinegar

Cut berries in half and arrange over spinach in serving bowl. Combine dressing ingredients in blender or food processor and process until smooth. Just before serving, pour over salad and toss. Garnish with nuts.

DAY 3 RECIPES

Nutri-Ola (basic recipe) - *Serves 10*

Adapted with permission from Allergy Recipes by Sally Rockwell

2 cups arrowroot or millet flour or finely ground hazelnuts, pecans, almonds, walnuts or sesame seeds
1 cup hazelnuts or walnuts, coarsely ground
1 cup whole sesame seeds or sunflower seeds (or a combination)
1 cup (combined) finely chopped dried apples, papaya, apricots, currants
½ cup fruit puree or frozen fruit concentrate
½ cup sesame, or walnut or sunflower oil

2 tsp. pure vanilla or almond extract

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Use a blender or food processor to grind nuts, grains or seeds to desired consistency. Mix the nuts, seeds and/or grains in a large bowl. Mix with fruit and sweetener, oil and vanilla. Pour over the dry mixture and stir lightly. Spread mixture into a lightly oiled 15"x10"x1" baking pan. Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Cool. Break into small pieces for cereal or large chunks for snacks.

Breakfast Bars

Add Egg Replacer to equal 2 eggs (*See below under Miscellaneous Recipes*) to Nutri-Ola - Basic Recipe (above). Slowly add additional water to make a stiff batter. Follow above directions, but spread into an 8 or 9 inch square pan (ungreased) and bake at 350 degrees about 30 minutes. Cut into squares when done.

Guacamole - *Yields 1 ½ - 2 cups*

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2-3 ripe avocados

¼ cup chopped onions

¼ tsp. vitamin C crystals

1 Tbsp. water

1 small clove garlic, chopped

Cut the avocados in half, remove the pits, then scoop the flesh into a blender or food processor. Add the onions, vitamin C crystals, water, and garlic. Process until smooth. Transfer to a small bowl. Cover and chill. Use within 2-3 days. To prevent darkening, coat top with a thin layer of oil. For a chunky version, mash the avocado with a fork and finely chop onions and garlic.

Baking Powder Biscuits – *Yields one dozen*

1½ cups brown rice flour

½ cup tapioca flour

4 tsp. baking powder

1/8 tsp. salt

3 Tbsp. safflower or sesame oil

1 cup applesauce, unsweetened

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a medium-large mixing bowl, stir together dry ingredients. Sprinkle oil on top and mix well with a pastry blender or fork, until consistency is crumbly. Mix in applesauce and stir until blended. Spoon heaping tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet. With spoon, lightly shape into biscuit. Bake 15-18 minutes until slightly browned. Serve warm for best flavor, but may be lightly reheated in a microwave.

DAY 4 RECIPES

Basic Kasha - *Serves 4-5*

1 cup buckwheat groats

2 cups water, chicken or vegetable broth

Roast the dry buckwheat groats over medium heat in a dry skillet, stirring until the grains begin to smell toasty, about 2 minutes. Add the water or broth, cover and simmer for 20-30 minutes, until kasha is tender but not mushy. Pour off any excess liquid.

Optional: add onion, garlic and herbs to the dish.

Sweet Potato Delight - *Serves 1-2*

Adapted and used with permission from The Allergy Self-Help Cookbook by Marjorie Hurt Jones

2-4 Tbsp. chopped nuts

1 ripe banana

1 medium sweet potato, cooked
1 tsp. oil
1 Tbsp. fruit sweetener, molasses or brown rice syrup (optional)

In a large frying pan, dry-roast the nuts over medium heat for a few minutes. Shake the pan often. Cut the banana in half lengthwise. Cut the cooked sweet potato into ½” pieces. Add the oil to the pan. Push the nuts to the outer edges. Place the banana pieces, flat sides down, in the pan. Add the sweet potatoes. Cover and cook for 2 minutes. Uncover, and cook for 5 minutes, until everything is heated through and browned on one side. Add the sweetener before serving.

Gingerbread – *Yields 9 squares*

Adapted with permission from Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free Cooking by Susan O'Brien

½ cup pecans or walnuts, finely chopped
½ cup agave nectar or fruit sweetener
¼ cup canola oil
Egg Replacer to equal 2 eggs* (*See below under Miscellaneous Recipes*)
1 tsp vanilla
1½ cups brown rice flour
½ tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
2 tsp ginger
1½ tsp cinnamon
¼ tsp nutmeg
1/8 tsp cloves
½ tsp orange rind
1 cup unsweetened applesauce

In a large mixing bowl, combine the agave nectar and oil. Beat on high speed until thoroughly blended. Agave nectar is preferred. Add in the eggs, one at a time. Be sure to beat well between eggs. Add in the orange rind and vanilla and continue to blend together. Set aside.

Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 350 degrees and spray a 9x 9 inch square pan with a non stick spray. Sift together the dry ingredients and add the nuts. Add some of the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, a little at a time, blending well. Add in ¼ cup of the applesauce, blend, then add in more flour. Continue this process until you have added all of the ingredients.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 20-25 minutes, or until the gingerbread is done. Check for doneness by inserting a toothpick, or touching lightly on the center. Freezes well.

DAY 5 RECIPES

Mochiko Rice Waffles - *Serves 4*

Purchase 1 package of cinnamon-apple Mochi and defrost. Cut into quarters. Slice each quarter across to form 2 thinner squares. Place one square into preheated waffle iron and cook until done. Top with your choice of fruit or Sautéed Apples (*below*).

Sautéed Apples - *Serves 2*

2 apples, washed
½ Tbsp. safflower oil or canola oil
2 tsp. cinnamon
2-3 Tbsp. apple juice

Thinly slice apples and sauté in oil until softened. Add cinnamon and apple juice and simmer, stirring, uncovered for a few more minutes.

Beans and Greens Soup - Serves 4-5

2 cups cooked white beans
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 medium cloves garlic, crushed
1 large onion, chopped
1 bay leaf
1 stalk celery, diced
2 medium carrots, diced
1 tsp. salt
fresh black pepper
6 cups water, vegetable, or chicken broth
½ lb fresh chopped escarole, spinach, chard, or collards (or a combination)

In a 4- to 6-quart soup pot, sauté the onions and garlic in olive oil over low heat. When onions are soft, add bay leaf, celery, carrot, salt and pepper. Stir and sauté another 5 minutes. Add broth or water and cover. Simmer about 20 minutes. Add cooked beans and your choice of greens. Cover and continue to simmer, over very low heat, another 15-20 minutes. Serve immediately or refrigerate and reheat.

Pear Honey - Yields 3 pints

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15 very ripe pears
½ cup water
½ cup brown rice syrup or fruit juice sweetener

Peel, quarter and core the 15 pears. Place 12 of the pears in a stainless steel or enamel Dutch oven or 3 quart saucepan. Coarsely chop the remaining 3 pears. Place them and the water in a blender. Process until pureed. Pour into the pan with the pear quarters.

Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Stir in the sweetener. Cook until pears are tender, about 30 minutes. Puree the cooked fruit in batches using a blender or food processor. The puree should be about the consistency of honey. If too thin, return it to the pan and boil it down a bit. If too thick, dilute with a little juice. Pour into jars, and store in the refrigerator for up to 1 month.

Mock Pesto - Yields 1 cup

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1 large ripe avocado
1 cup basil leaves
¼ tsp. lemon juice
1 garlic clove, minced or 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
¼ cup pine nuts
½ tsp. olive or flax oil

Cut the avocado in half and remove the pit. Scoop out the flesh and place it in a bowl of a food processor. Add the basil, vitamin C crystals, garlic and pine nuts. Process for about 2 minutes – scrape the bowl as necessary. Transfer it to a small bowl and coat the surface with oil to prevent browning. Chill.

DAY 6 RECIPES

Breakfast Rice Pudding - *Serves 4*

1 cup uncooked short grain brown rice
1¼ cups coconut milk
1¼ cups water
½ tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. brown rice syrup
1 tsp. cinnamon
Chopped almonds or sunflower seeds or other nuts of choice (optional)

Combine water and coconut milk in heavy pot; bring to boil, adding rice and salt. Simmer, covered (do NOT stir) for about 45 minutes or more, until liquid is mostly absorbed and rice is soft. Remove from heat and allow to cool for 15 minutes. Stir in brown rice syrup and cinnamon and top with nuts or seeds as desired.

Meal in a Muffin – *Yields one dozen*

Adapted with permission from Wheat-free Sugar-Free Gourmet Cooking by Susan O'Brien

1 medium carrot, grated
1 large apple, grated
¼ cup canola oil
¼ cup unsweetened applesauce
Egg Replacer to equal 2 eggs (*See below under Miscellaneous Recipes*)
1/3 cup dairy sweetener
2 tsp. vanilla
¼ cup garbanzo bean flour
½ cup brown rice flour
¼ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. ginger
1/8 tsp. nutmeg
¼ cup shredded unsweetened coconut
½ cup dates

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix together all wet ingredients and set aside. In a separate bowl, mix dry ingredients then mix both together. Lightly coat muffin tins with oil spray. Fill 3/4 full and bake 15-20 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Allow to cool on a rack.

Spiced Lentil Casserole - *Serves 4*

1 ½ cups lentils, rinsed well
2 Tbsp. sesame oil
3 cloves garlic, crushed
1 stalk celery, chopped
1 large onion, chopped
½ tsp. salt
1 cup shredded, unsweetened coconut
½ tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. powdered ginger
½ tsp. turmeric
2 large green apples, washed and diced

Simmer lentils, covered, in 2½ cups water for 30-40 minutes, until tender. While they are cooking, in a wok or heavy skillet, sauté remaining ingredients, except apples, in oil until tender. Add water as necessary. Add apples and cook 10 more minutes covered. Combine with cooked lentils in a casserole dish.

Brown Rice and Peas - Serves 4

Add 1 cup of green peas (either fresh and lightly steamed or frozen and just defrosted baby peas) to 2 cups of cooked brown rice. Top with your favorite herbs and flax oil to taste.

Baked Apple - Serves 6

1/3 cup golden raisins
2 Tbsp. apple juice
6 cooking apples, cored
1½ cups water
¼ cup frozen unsweetened apple juice concentrate
2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. arrowroot

Remove peel from top third of each apple and arrange in a small baking dish. In a medium saucepan, combine other ingredients and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Reduce heat and simmer 2-3 minutes, until slightly thickened. Distribute raisins, filling centres of each apple. Pour sauce over apples and bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Baste occasionally and remove from oven when apples are pierced easily with a fork. Spoon juice over apples and serve warm.

DAY 7 RECIPES

Rice Pancakes - Yields approximately 14 (4-inch) pancakes

1 1/3 cups rice flour
½ cup oat or millet flour
2 tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. baking soda
¼ tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. apple butter
1 Tbsp. Safflower or sesame oil
Egg Replacer to equal 2 eggs (*See below under Miscellaneous Recipes*)
1½ cups almond, oat, or rice milk
1½ Tbsp. white vinegar

Mix the almond or rice milk with the vinegar and allow them to stand for 5 minutes until curdles form. Mix dry ingredients together and set aside. In large mixing bowl, beat apple butter, oil, egg, and milk. Add dry mixture and stir gently. Be careful not to overmix. Serve with Sautéed Apples (*refer to recipe on page 21*).

Nutty Mayo - Yields 1¼ cups

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½ cup cashews or other nuts
¾ cup water
3 Tbsp. vinegar
2 Tbsp. oil
1 Tbsp. arrowroot
1 Tbsp. brown rice syrup
1 Tbsp. minced parsley
1 Tbsp. snipped chives
1½ tsp. dry mustard

Grind the nuts to a fine powder in a blender. Add the water, blend 1 minute to make sure the nuts are fully ground. Add the vinegar, oil, arrowroot, sweetener, and seasonings. Blend until very smooth. Pour into a

saucepan and cook a few minutes, until thick. Allow to cool, transfer to a glass jar. Store in the refrigerator; keeps well for 3 weeks.

Rice Pasta Primavera – *Serves 4*

2 cups uncooked rice pasta (noodles, spaghetti, elbows)
1 large whole chicken breast, cut into thin strips (optional)
Broccoli florets, chopped carrot, and/or other favourite veggie, lightly steamed
3-4 scallions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 Tbsp. olive oil (more if needed)
¼ cup fresh basil, finely chopped
¼ - ½ cup coconut milk

Cook rice pasta according to package directions. While pasta is cooking, heat oil in wok or heavy frying pan, and stir fry chicken strips or tofu chunks, garlic, scallions, and basil for about 5 minutes; add remaining vegetables and coconut milk and continue to cook until veggies are soft and glisten. Add more coconut milk as needed. Remove from heat and spoon over drained rice pasta and garnish with black olives and extra olive oil, if desired.

Black Beans and Yellow Rice - *Serves 4*

Black beans:

1 cup dry black beans, soaked overnight and drained
4 cups water
1 small onion, chopped
1 small carrot, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. cumin

In a 3-quart saucepan, combine beans, water, onion, carrot, green pepper, jalapeno pepper, garlic, bay leaf, cumin, and pepper flakes. Bring to a boil over medium heat and simmer, uncovered, about 2½ hours, or until beans are tender and almost all liquid is absorbed. Discard bay leaf. (May be made up to 2 days ahead; reheat before serving.)

Yellow Rice:

2 cups chicken stock
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 tsp. olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
½ tsp. turmeric
1 cup uncooked long-grain brown rice

In a 2-quart saucepan over low heat, sauté onions in oil until tender, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté 1 minute. Stir in turmeric, then rice. Add stock. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer 45 minutes over low heat, or until rice is tender and all liquid is absorbed. Do not stir. Spoon beans over rice.

Pickled Beets - *Serves 4-6*

Adapted with permission from The Allergy Self-Help Cookbook by Marjorie Hurt Jones

4 beets, cooked and skinned
¼ cup water
1 Tbsp. brown rice syrup or fruit sweetener
¼ cup rice vinegar
¼ tsp. ground cinnamon

pinch each of cloves and allspice

Combine the water, sweetener, vinegar, cinnamon, cloves and allspice in a medium saucepan. Simmer for 2 minutes. Stir in the beets, and heat through. Serve hot or warm.

MISCELLANEOUS RECIPES

Egg Replacer - equals one egg

1/3 cup water

1 Tbsp. whole or ground flaxseed

Place the water and flaxseed together and allow to gel for about 5 minutes. This mixture will bind patties, meat loaves, cookies and cakes as well as eggs do, but it will not leaven like eggs for souffles or sponge cakes. Increase amounts accordingly for additional egg replacement.

Corn-Free Baking Powder

2 tsp. cream of tartar

2 tsp. arrowroot

1 tsp. baking soda

Sift together to mix well. Store in an airtight container. Make small batches.

Baking Tips

We include ground nuts, in addition to chopped nuts, in the muffin recipes because the nuts help retain moisture and allow for a small amount of rising. The grinding may be done with a nut chopper, a small (very clean) coffee grinder, or pulsing on a food processor. Grind only what you will need, or store extra in the freezer. If you are allergic to nuts, replace the amount of nut flour with an equal amount of another flour or starch called for in the recipe.