

SNOWY WHITE

TASTE BUDS DELIGHT

Don't let nature's achromatic (lacking hue) produce fool you. While white in color, these hearty fruits, beans, and veggies pack a nutritional punch. White produce also rock the flavonoid quercetin, a natural antihistamine and anti-inflammatory that has also been shown to help decrease blood pressure and prevent heart disease. When deciding which savory white produce to invite to your plate, some of quercetin's finest include onions, garlic, potatoes, mushrooms, cauliflower, turnips, and rutabagas.

DISCOVER: MUSHROOMS

Look out for umami (savory) fungi, mushrooms, this month. In season during the fall and early winter, these tasty toadstools are packed with antioxidants as well as vitamins, minerals, and fiber.



COCONUT: Loaded with potassium, fiber, & vitamin B6
Peak Season: Oct.-Dec.



PARSNIPS: Hearty dose of fiber, vitamins, & minerals
Peak Season: Aug.-March



FAVA BEANS:
Bursting with plant protein, calcium, & micronutrients
Peak Season: March-May

CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH: SALTY POTATO EXPERIMENT

Fill two small bowls with water and mix salt into one of the bowls. Label both bowls so you know which one has the salty water. Cut a potato in half and place each half into a bowl with the cut side down. Leave for about 30 minutes and watch what happens.



TAKEAWAY: Just like the potato loses water, salty foods and drinks make people thirsty. Consume salty food in moderation and stay hydrated.



NO-BAKE COCONUT CANDY BARS*

Makes 6-8 Bars

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup agave or pure maple syrup (or 1/4 cup water and stevia to taste)
- 2 tbsp. virgin coconut oil
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- Optional: Raw chocolate chips

PREPARATION:

1. Ask an adult to combine all ingredients in a food processor. (Mixing by hand will still taste good, but the bars will crumble.)
2. Pack processed mix into any small container (7x5)
3. Refrigerate for one hour, or freeze for 15 minutes.
4. Ask an adult to cut into 6-8 bars.
5. Enjoy!

***DO NOT attempt to chop ingredients or operate food processor without adult supervision.**