



### Notes on Strawberries

Strawberries announce that summer is here. With their natural sweetness warmed by the sun's rays, there are so many ways to enjoy strawberries. A few examples are topped with whipped cream, dipped in chocolate, tossed in salads, made into smoothies or baked into muffins. If you can't decide what to do with your strawberries you can't go wrong by eating them washed right out of the basket.

### Simple Ideas for Strawberries

- Spread peanut butter on a graham cracker and place sliced strawberries on top.
- Brighten up pancakes or French toast with slices of strawberries.
- Before Jell-O has time to set toss in chunks of strawberries.
- Add fresh strawberries to cream cheese and a bagel.

### Strawberry Pie

*Recipe by: Guldán Family Farm CSA*

Crust:

1 cup flour

½ cup butter

¼ cup brown sugar

- Soften butter, mix all together with fork. Press into an 11X 7 glass pan and bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven, stir to loosen, and then press hot mixture into a pie plate. Pat to fill. Save some crumbs for topping. When cool, spread a thin layer of cream cheese over the crust. Soften the cheese in the microwave before spreading to keep crust from crumbling.

Filling:

1 cup sugar

¼ cup cornstarch

1 ¼ cup water

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 box strawberry Jell-O

1 quart fresh strawberries

- Mix together sugar, cornstarch and water, cook until clear. Add 1 tablespoon lemon juice. While hot, add 1 box strawberry Jell-O. Cool slightly. Fill pie crust with 1 quart fresh strawberries and pour the glaze over the berries. Garnish with saved crumbs. Place in refrigerator to firm up. Eat!

### Strawberry Salad

Dressing:

3 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

1 tablespoon sugar

1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Salad:

1 Head of Lettuce, shredded

2 cups strawberries, sliced

Toasted almonds

Feta cheese, optional

- Mix the balsamic vinegar, sugar, olive oil and set aside. Put the lettuce in a bowl and drizzle the dressing on top. Place the strawberries, almonds, and cheese on the lettuce. Enjoy!