



Mashed Potato, Cheddar & Leek Casserole

Prep: 35 minutes

Bake: 30 minutes • Serves: 8

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2½ pounds Yukon gold potatoes (about 6 medium potatoes), peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks (about 8 cups)
- 1 container (8 ounces) sour cream
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 8 slices smoked bacon (about ½ pound), cut crosswise into ½-inch pieces
- 2 medium leeks, each cut lengthwise in half, then cut crosswise into ½-inch pieces (about 2½ cups)
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 package (8 ounces) shredded Cheddar cheese (2 cups)

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Spray 2- to 2½-quart glass or ceramic baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. In large covered saucepot, add potatoes and enough salted water to cover; heat to boiling over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 12 to 14 minutes or until potatoes are fork-tender. Drain potatoes, then return to same saucepot. Add sour cream, butter, nutmeg, salt and pepper. With potato masher, mash potatoes so they are slightly chunky.

2. Meanwhile, in large skillet, cook bacon over medium-high heat 7 to 9 minutes or until crisp, stirring frequently. With slotted spoon, transfer bacon to paper towel-lined plate.

3. Add leeks to bacon drippings in skillet; cook over medium heat 8 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in garlic and cook 1 minute longer, stirring occasionally.

4. Fold leek mixture, bacon and 1 cup cheese into potato mixture until well combined. Spread potato mixture evenly in prepared dish. Bake 20 minutes. Sprinkle remaining 1 cup cheese over potatoes and bake 10 to 12 minutes longer or until top is lightly browned.

Approximate nutritional values per serving:
413 Calories, 27g Fat (16g Saturated), 70mg Cholesterol,
419mg Sodium, 30g Carbohydrates, 2g Fiber, 13g Protein