

January ■ Salad Greens



Salad greens grow on the ground.

Nutrition Facts

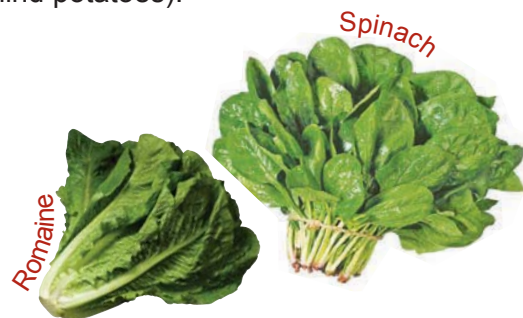
Serving Size: 1 cup red leaf lettuce, shredded (28g)

Calories 4 Calories from Fat 0

	% Daily Value
Total Fat 0g	0%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 7mg	0%
Total Carbohydrate 1g	0%
Dietary Fiber 0g	1%
Sugars 0g	
Protein 0g	
Vitamin A 42%	Calcium 1%
Vitamin C 2%	Iron 2%
Other nutrients: Vitamin K (49%)	
Source: www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/search/	
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- One cup of salad greens provides an excellent source of vitamin A.
- Lettuce was among the first vegetables brought to the New World by Christopher Columbus.
- Wild forms of lettuce in Egyptian tomb paintings and written accounts of lettuce that date back to 79 A.D. all support evidence that salad greens are one of the oldest known vegetables.
- In the United States, lettuce is the second most popular vegetable (behind potatoes).

- Watch this video and learn about a farmer who grows salad greens!
<http://bit.ly/1NCzqD8>



Activity

- Research what hydroponics is and how it can be better for the environment. Use the space below to write down key information.
- Think about the different types of salad greens and pick your favorite. On a separate piece of paper, draw your salad green growing using hydroponics. Describe the environment you will need for your salad greens to grow. Be sure to include information like ideal temperature, amount of sunlight, and type of water.

Spinach Cranberry Salad

<https://goo.gl/KnMbk9>



Start Smart with Breakfast

Eating breakfast helps you grow healthy and strong. A nutritious breakfast also fuels your body, giving you the energy needed to start a new day.



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.



Breakfast helps you:

- Improve your grades
- Pay better attention in school
- Increase school attendance
- Improve classroom behavior

What makes a healthy breakfast?

You should have three or more food groups in your breakfast (grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy, or protein). It is also important to include a food from either the dairy group or the protein group in your breakfast.

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- Write what you ate for breakfast today. Then, using what you learned about a healthy breakfast, create a healthy breakfast. Last, compare your breakfast that you ate today and the healthy breakfast you created. Is there anything you want to include or take out of your breakfast to make it healthier? You can use *Foods Found on MyPlate* on page 3 to help you.

Breakfast Today	Healthy Breakfast	How does the breakfast you ate this morning compare to a healthy breakfast?
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