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## Save the world—one dinner at a time!

In the late 1980s, we began shopping at the Alachua County Farmers Market as a fun way to get fresher produce at better prices, plus it was a great outing with our boys. Week after week we returned, learning to anticipate the seasons and relish the gifts of each. This was before eating local was trendy—to us it just tasted better! Now we know that eating local, seasonal food can save the world, both the whole world and your world.

- Locally grown food uses less oil and gas to get from the farm to your refrigerator.
- Selling produce locally allows farmers to grow different varieties, encouraging a healthy biodiversity of plants, insects and animals.
- Locally grown food is harvested just before selling, resulting in completely ripe, fresh food with more available nutrients and superior flavor.
- Buying products from local vendors allows our local economy to grow and puts the money directly into the pockets of the farmer and producer.
- Locally grown food allows purchasers the chance to evaluate the growing and working conditions of the farms and laborers who grow and harvest your food.

So think about your world and the whole world the next time you shop for food. Choose locally grown seasonal food. You too can save the world—one dinner at a time!

2016 Eat Local Challenge Kickoff and Local Food Fair Sunday May 1, 2016 1:00pm – 4:00pm Matheson History Museum, 513 East University Avenue



Enjoy a fun, free afternoon outdoors with farmers, foodies and entrepreneurs to celebrate the local food movement and the 9th annual Eat Local Challenge.

How can you participate in the Challenge? Eat locally grown and produced food either at home or in locally-owned restaurants every day for the entire month of May.

FREE TO EVERYONE—Vendors and Visitors—NO CHARGE FOR ANYONE!

## What's Fresh Right Now?

Beets—red, striped, golden, pink

**Bok Choy** 

Broccoli

**Brussels Sprouts** 

Cabbage—green, napa, savoy, red

Carrots—orange, red, yellow, purple

Cauliflower—white, romanescu

Citrus—orange, grapefruit, lemon, calamondin

**Fennel** 

**Greens**—escarole, chard, kale, mustard, arugula, wild arugula, mizuna, collards, sorrel, moringa, spinach

Greens with roots—turnips, rutabaga, beets, carrots, radish

**Herbs**—dill, cilantro, flat/curly parsley, lime leaf, thyme, mint, garlic chives

Honey

Leeks and Gar-leeks

**Lettuce**—red/green leaf, romaine, buttercrunch, spring mix

Mushrooms—shiitake

Onions—red/white scallions, spring

Peas-snow, sugar snap, english

**Peppers**—red/green/yellow/orange sweet bell, variety hot

Pineapple

**Potatoes**—sweet, white russet

**Radish**—daikon, globe, easter egg, red/white icicle

Shoots, Sprouts and Microgreens

Squash—zucchini, pattypan, yellow crookneck

**Strawberries** 

**Tomatoes**—grape, beefsteak, heirloom, cherry, green

**Turnips** 

Turmeric

## Local and Fresh— Pineapple

Most of us think of Hawaiian pineapples, but in the late 1800s, pineapples were a big crop in Florida. It lasted until around 1910 when a disease called "red wilt" destroyed not only the pineapple plants in the field, but finished off the industry as well.

We are so lucky that wonderful juicy sweet pineapples are grown in North Central Florida. Available in several sizes, ask the farmer to help you select one for ripeness if you want to eat it right away,

Look for intact skin, healthy-looking leaves and a fresh smell. Judge ripeness by the smell and color of the bottom, plus the traditional test of pulling out a leaf from the crown.

### **Ambrosia**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

6-8 oranges, navels and others1/2 fresh pineapple1 cup unsweetened shredded coconut2-4 Tablespoons sugar (optional)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Use a knife to remove orange skin and pith. Cut out sections of fruit, removing seeds and membranes. This is called supreming.

Cut peeled and cored pineapple into small bite-sized pieces.

In a glass serving bowl, layer oranges with pineapple, coconut and sugar, if desired. Garnish the top with coconut.

Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour or until completely chilled.

Serve chilled with dinner or as dessert. Cover and refrigerate leftovers.



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## Sour Orange Marinade and Sauce

#### <u>INGREDIENTS</u>

1 cup sour orange juice

Zest of one sour orange

1/3 cup each olive oil and water

1 Tablespoon each lemon juice, vinegar and finely minced shallot or onion

1 large garlic clove, smashed and minced or finely grated

1 Teaspoon each dried basil, thyme and salt

1/2 teaspoon each red pepper flakes, ground coriander and smoked sweet paprika

1-2 pounds seafood

1-2 Tablespoons butter

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Combine all ingredients ,except seafood and butter, to make marinade. In a covered dish or ziptop bag, submerge seafood in marinade, cover and refrigerate for 1-4 hours.

Remove seafood from marinade and cook as desired.

In a small saucepan, bring used marinade to a boil and reduce by half, until thickened.

Remove pan from heat and swirl in butter until melted and sauce is creamy.

Pour over cooked seafood and serve immediately.

## **Lemon Salad**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

6-8 cups salad greens

1 Meyer lemon, zested and supremed (cut into segments without any peel, pith or membranes)

2 Tablespoons olive oil

1 Tablespoon honey

1/4 cup shelled edamame

1/4 cup dried cranberries or golden raisins

1/4 cup walnuts, coarsely chopped

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Wash salad greens, wrap in a towel and place in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Zest and supreme Meyer lemon right into the salad bowl, squeezing all the juice into the bowl as well.

Stir in olive oil and honey, being careful not to break up the lemon sections.

Stir in edamame, cranberries and walnuts.

Add greens and toss with dressed ingredients. Taste and season as needed.

Serve at room temperature within 15 minutes of mixing greens and dressing.

Cover and refrigerate leftovers.

## Red Cabbage in Orange Juice

#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 T olive oil
1 shallot, sliced
1/2 red cabbage,
thinly sliced
2 cups freshly
squeezed orange
juice

1 T freshly squeezed lemon juice a pinch each salt, cloves, coriander

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Heat oil in a large heavy skillet.

Sauté shallot until translucent.

Stir in cabbage and cook until just crisp-tender.

Pour in orange and lemon juice. Stir well to coat cabbage completely and bring to a boil.

Stir in salt, cloves and coriander.

Reduce heat and simmer uncovered until sauce is reduced and thickened.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Cover and refrigerate leftovers.



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#### **Tricks and Tips**

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Buying a prepared fresh pineapple is easy, but a few simple cuts will reduce any pineapple to both a garden project and a yummy dessert. Chop off the top with about 2 inches of fruit attached and set aside. Cut off the bottom and stand up to slice off peel and "eyes" in vertical strips. Either cut pineapple into rounds and use melon baller to core or slice long strips off core. Oh and the top you set aside? Plant it in dirt, give it sun and water!

## **Baked Pineapple and Coconut**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 fresh pineapple, cut into small thin pieces

1 cup dried unsweetened coconut strips

1/3 cup brown sugar, packed

1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice and zest from one orange

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a deep casserole dish, combine all ingredients, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Cover casserole with lid or foil. Place in oven and bake 45 minutes.

Remove cover, stir and return to oven. Bake15 minutes or until top begins to brown.

Cool before serving. Cover and refrigerative leftovers.

#### SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Serve warm with a scoop of coconut gelato or ice cream.

Spoon fruit and juice over a slice of pound cake.









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