

# **Cooking With Less Saturated Fat**

### **New Orleans Red Beans**

**1.** In a 5-quart pot, combine red beans, water, onion, celery, and bay leaves. Bring to boiling, then reduce heat.



- **2.** Cover and cook over low heat for  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hours or until beans are tender.
- **3.** If desired, stir and mash beans against the side of the pan (New Orleans style). Add green pepper, garlic, parsley, thyme, and black pepper.
- **4.** Cook uncovered over low heat until creamy, about 30 minutes.
- **5.** Remove bay leaves before serving.

## **Boiled Brown Rice**

- **1.** Bring 2 cups of water to a boil, and add 1 cup of brown rice.
- **2.** Cover well, and cook over low heat for 20 minutes.



#### **Potato Salad**

- **1.** Wash 2 pounds of potatoes, cut in half, and place in cold water in a saucepan.
- Cook covered over medium heat for 25 to 30 minutes or until tender.
- 3. Chop celery, scallion, and red and green bell peppers, if desired.
- **4.** Chop one hard-boiled egg.
- **5.** Drain and dice potatoes when cool.
- 6. Add vegetables and egg to potatoes, and toss.
- **7.** Blend together low-fat or fat-free mayonnaise, mustard, pepper, and dried dill weed.
- 8. Pour blended mixture over potato mixture and stir gently to coat evenly.
- **9.** Chill for at least 1 hour before serving.





# Cooking With Less Saturated Fat (continued)

# **Poultry and Meat**

- **1.** Remove the skin from chicken and turkey, and throw it away. Cut off the fat from beef and pork, and throw it away.
- **2.** Add your favorite seasonings, such as garlic, onion powder, sage, or cracked black pepper.
- **3.** Cook meat by baking, broiling, braising, roasting, stewing, or grilling—not frying.

#### Fish and Seafood

- **1.** If you eat canned seafood or fish, rinse it well to cut back on the amount of sodium.
- **2.** Season with seafood spices such as basil, chili powder, dill, marjoram, parsley, rosemary, and thyme to taste. Also try some lemon juice or fresh lemon wedges.
- **3.** Cook fish and seafood by baking, broiling, braising, roasting, stewing, or grilling—not frying. Use vegetable oil to grease pans.



- **1.** Coat a large skillet with vegetable oil. Preheat over high heat. Add ground turkey (1 pound). Cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. Drain off fat.
- **2.** Stir in a 28-ounce can of diced tomatoes (low- or no-sodium variety), chopped green peppers, onion, garlic, oregano, and black pepper. Bring to boiling, then reduce heat. Simmer covered for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
- **3.** Remove cover, and simmer for an additional 15 minutes.
- **4.** Meanwhile, cook spaghetti (or other whole-grain pasta) according to directions on the package. Serve sauce over spaghetti with a green salad.

### **Fruit Shake**

- **1.** Cut your favorite fruit (such as bananas, oranges, or strawberries) into chunks.
- 2. Place in a blender along with fat-free milk, vanilla, and ice.
- 3. Blend until smooth.



