

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Nettles



ABOUT NETTLES

- Nettles are found around the world and have been used in a variety of ways, including as food for thousands of years.
- One half cup of cooked nettles are an excellent source of Vitamin K and can be used as a substitute for cooked spinach in recipes.
- Nettles are also low in calories, high in fiber and are a good source of calcium.

1/2 cup of cooked nettles provide:

- 19 Calories
- 3.3 g Total Carbohydrates
- 3 g Fiber
- 214 mg Calcium (16% DV)
- 222 µg Vitamin K (185% DV)

USES:

 Once blanched or dried to inactivate their sting, nettles can be enjoyed in a variety of ways: cooked, sautéed, in soup, as a tea, blended into a pesto or sauce.

Sources: https://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/forb/urtdio/all.html#:-:text=S tinging%20nettle%20fibers%20were%20used,%2C%20fishing%20nets%2C%2 Oand%20rope https://fdc.nal.usda.gov/fdc-app.html#/food-details/169819/nutrients https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6100552/

SIMPLE SAUTEED NETTLES

INGREDIENTS:

- Young Nettle Leaves
- · Optional Seasonings: garlic, garlic powder, onions, ramps, chives, salt, pepper

STEDS:

- l. Rinse and drain nettle leaves.
- 2. Sauté nettles with oil in a pan.
- 3. Add in optional seasonings, if desired.



THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Wear gloves and long sleeves when gathering and rinsing nettles to prevent skin irritation.
- Avoid nettles if pregnant or nursing as there is not enough information on their safety.
- Nettles have larger amounts of Vitamin K and may interact with blood thinning medications.

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