Barley Jambalaya

October 2024 Recipe

Makes: 6 servings

Ingredients

- 1 cup instant pearl barley
- 4 cups water
- 2 whole bay leaves
- 3 medium onions
- 2 small celery stalks
- 1 cup green, red, yellow or orange bell pepper (diced)
- 2 medium cloves garlic
- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 4 oz. ground turkey
- 2, 14.5-oz cans no-salt-added diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. ground cayenne pepper
- 1 ½ tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper

Nutritional information for 1 serving

Calories	230
Total fat	5 g
Saturated fat	1 g
Cholesterol	15 mg
Sodium	440 mg
Carbohydrate	41 g
Dietary fiber	9 g
Total sugars	9 g
Added sugars included	0 g
Protein	9 g

Directions

- **1.** Rinse barley under cold water in a colander.
- In a medium pot over high heat, bring barley, water and bay leaves to a boil. Reduce heat to low and cover. Cook barley until tender and water is absorbed, about 20-30 minutes.
- **3.** Drain barley in a colander and set aside.
- **4.** Peel, rinse and dice the onions. Rinse and dice the celery and pepper. Peel and mince the garlic.
- **5.** Heat the oil in a large pot over medium-high heat.
- **6.** Add the onions, celery, pepper and garlic to pot. Mix well and cook until the vegetables are soft, about 5 minutes.
- 7. Add the ground turkey. Cook until internal temperature registers 165 F on a food thermometer, about 5 minutes more.
- **8.** Add the tomatoes and their juices, and bring to a simmer.
- **9.** Add the spices and stir to combine. Cover and reduce heat, simmering for 15 minutes.
- **10.** Add cooked barley to the mixture. Stir to combine. Add more water or broth if needed. Cook over low heat to blend flavors, about 5-10 minutes more.
- **11.** Remove bay leaves and serve.