

## Spaghetti Squash Casserole with Sausage Meatballs

## directions

- Working with half of spaghetti squash at a time, place cut side down on a microwave safe plate. Microwave uncovered for about 7-10 minutes. Use a fork to test to see if "spaghetti squash" strands pull away from shell easily. If not then microwave for a few more minutes. Set aside.
- 2. Pre-heat oven to 350.
- 3. In a bowl mix the ground sausage with the salt, fennel seeds, ground coriander, fresh basil and oregano. Form into 1.5 inch meatballs. Brown meatballs in a large, deep skillet over medium heat until browned. Remove to drain on paper towels.
- 4. Wipe skillet clean with paper towels and add olive oil. Turn heat to medium and add onion and garlic. Cook for a few minutes just until onions start to turn translucent.
- ${\bf 5.}\ \ {\bf Add\ in\ collard\ greens\ and\ spinach.\ Stir\ for\ a\ few\ minutes\ until\ greens\ begin\ to\ wilt.$
- 6. Stir and fold in ricotta cheese until well blended with other ingredients. Remove skillet from heat.
- 7. Using a fork separate spaghetti squash strands from each half and add to mixture in skillet. Scrape out and spread into a 9 x 13 casserole dish. Top with meatballs, sauce, tomatoes and mozzarella. Bake for 30-35 minutes until mixture is bubbly and hot.

## notes

This is absolutely delicious and can be made ahead of time and popped in the oven right before serving.

to serve

Serve hot.



6 *servings*  15 min *prep time*  45 min

## ingredients

1 lb Swaggerty's Farm Sausage 1 spaghetti Squash, cut in half lengthwise & seeds removed 1 teaspoon sea salt 1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano, or 1/2 dried 1 tablespoon olive oil 1/2 cup chopped onion 2 garlic cloves, minced 2 cups chopped collard greens 2 cups chopped fresh spinach leaves 1 cup reduced fat or whole fat ricotta cheese 3 roma/plum tomatoes diced 2 cups jarred pasta/tomato sauce 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Pairs well with: Hot crusty bread, salad, seasonal fruit

Special Kitchen Tools: N/A