

BEET



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GROWING

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SELECTING

Select beets that are firm to the touch and have clean, smooth skins. Smaller ones will be more tender than larger ones. Beets come in a variety of colors but most of them have the same taste.



STORING

Remove beet greens before storing. Beets can be stored at 32-40°F in a plastic bag with holes in it.



BODY

Beets are high in many vitamins and minerals and are rich in antioxidants, which are important to help fight cancer. Beets are high in fiber (good for digestive health), and folic acid (helps with heart disease and inflammation). Beets are a type of vegetable. A healthy diet should contain at least 2-3 cups of vegetables per day.



KITCHEN

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ROASTED BEETS

Makes: 4 Servings, Total Time: 60 minutes

5 beets
3 Tbsp olive oil
Salt

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees.
2. Rinse beets and trim off leafy tops and root end.
3. Slice beets into thin slices and put in bowl.
4. Put olive oil in bowl and toss with beets to coat them.
5. Place tossed beets in a single layer on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
6. Sprinkle small amount of salt onto beets and roast in oven until soft, about 12 minutes.



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