

Be Adventurous, **Try Alternative Proteins**

Traditionally, when many people hear the word "protein," they think of meat. But, if you've been in any grocery store in the past few years, you've probably noticed a lot of alternative proteins hitting the shelves. Alternative proteins are plant-based and food-technology alternatives to animal protein. They are becoming more and more popular. They include food products made from:

- plants such as grains, legumes and nuts
- fungus, like mushrooms
- algae
- insects
- cultured (lab-grown) meat

Alternative proteins aren't only for vegan and vegetarians anymore. Many people are interested in alternative proteins for health or environmental reasons. We expect this number to grow as younger populations age.

Be adventurous and try new alternative proteins today.

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267 calories, 1g total fat, 0g saturated fat

0mg cholesterol, 3g protein, 68g carbohydrates

8mg sodium, 7g dietary fiber

HARVEST OF THE MONTH RECIPE—MARCH

Kiwi Sorbet

1_{lb} kiwi, peeled, chopped and

frozen

1/4 cup honey

- Yield: 2 servings 1. Blend all ingredients in a food processor or
- 2. Pour into a rectangular loaf pan and smooth into an even layer.

high-speed blender until thoroughly combined.

- 3. Freeze for 2 hours, or until frozen but still a little soft for scooping. (If freezing overnight, cover with a lid or plastic wrap, but let it sit out at room temperature for about 5-10 minutes before scooping.)
- 4. Scoop into a bowl.

Enjoy!