Recipe For Health | OCTOBER 2015 THAI BRAISED YARDLONG BEANS

Long beans are very important in Thai cuisine. This is a seriously delicious, traditional dish *By Chef Kurt Kwiatkowski, MSU Culinary Services*

Featured Food: Yardlong Beans

Yield: Serves 4

2 T. canola oil

Ingredients

2 c. vegetable broth

Black pepper as needed

3 T. soy sauce

- 1 lb. Yardlong beans, trimmed and cut into 2" pieces 2 T. fish sauce
- ½ c. julienne cut onion
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. match stick carrot 1 T. rice wine vinegar
- 2 Thai peppers, sliced thin 2 T. chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 c. thin sliced Napa cabbage
- 1 T. minced fresh ginger 2 T. chopped roasted cashews
- 1 T. minced fresh garlic

Preparation

Heat a large braising pan or a large heavy skillet over medium high heat; add oil. Once oil is hot add beans and onions and sauté for 5 minutes. Add carrots, peppers, and cabbage; sauté an additional 2 minutes. Add ginger and garlic; sauté for an additional minute, always stirring.

Deglaze pan with vegetable broth and bring to a low boil, reduce heat to simmer and add fish sauce, and soy sauce. Simmer for 10-12 minutes or until beans are tender .

Remove from heat. Add vinegar and cilantro. Taste and adjust seasoning with soy sauce and black pepper as needed. Garnish with cashews and serve.

Chef Kurt Kwiatkowski was inspired by a Thai dish called Stir-fried Long Beans with Basil that he enjoyed at Naing Myanmar Family Restaurant. Blending sautéed yardlong beans with Asian Braised Cabbage, a dish Chef Kurt originally prepared at Lansing's Farmers Market at the Capitol, makes this recipe extra-delicious. Chef Kurt is Executive Chef for MSU Culinary Services.