

Italian Turkey Sausage and Peppers

- 3 red bell peppers
- 2 green bell peppers
- 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 large sliced red onion
- 2 large tomatoes
- 6 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder, divided
- 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
- 8 4-ounce links of Italian turkey sausage
- 1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Wash and slice the peppers and tomatoes; place in a large bowl. **Place** sliced onions and chopped garlic cloves in a small bowl and set aside. In a separate small bowl, combine 1 tablespoon of olive oil, 1 teaspoon of garlic powder, and Italian seasoning. **Drizzle** oil mixture over peppers and tomatoes, and lightly toss. Slice each sausage link into 5 or more pieces. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil and the remaining garlic powder in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add sausage and cook until browned. Add peppers

and tomatoes. Reduce heat to medium-low; cover and simmer 15 minutes; stir as needed. Add onions and chopped garlic; cover and cook an additional 5 minutes. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Cover and simmer until cheese melts.

Yield: 6 1-cup servings

Nutritional Analysis:

380 calories, 21 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 110 mg cholesterol, 730 mg sodium, 17 g carbohydrate, 3 g fiber, 8 g sugars, 0 g added sugars, 32 g protein.

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SEASON: June through the first frost, usually September.

NUTRITION FACTS: Sweet peppers are low in calories, high in vitamin C, and a good source of vitamin A. One raw, medium-sized pepper contains about 20 calories. Red peppers are higher in both vitamins C and A than green peppers.

SELECTION: Select peppers that are heavy for their size, with bright, shiny skins. Avoid flabby, wrinkled, or soft peppers.

STORAGE: Store unwashed in the refrigerator for 3 to 5 days. Place in the vegetable crisper or in plastic bags.

PREPARATION: To prepare peppers, wash carefully without bruising. Serve peppers raw, grilled, stuffed, or roasted. Add them to salads, casseroles, or Chinese and Mexican dishes.

PRESERVING: Peppers can be canned, dried, or frozen. To freeze: Wash, stem, and seed peppers. Package leaving no headspace. Seal and freeze.

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