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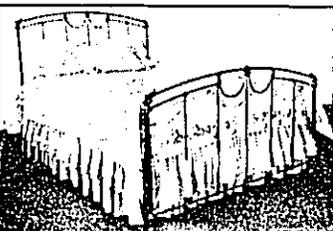
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# Garden cuisine

## Tasty dishes are reward for toils

After the spading, hoeing, watering and weeding comes the fun part: the eating. Here are innovative and easy ways to enjoy your garden produce:

- Make your own herbal vinegars (steep herbs in rice wine vinegar for several weeks). Use the vinegars in salad dressings and to marinate sliced tomatoes and fresh cucumbers—or in place of lemon for fish.
- Grow plenty of fresh basil to mix with ripe Italian tomatoes in sauces, salads and sandwiches, for pesto, for drying and for freezing.
- When you substitute fresh herbs for dry, use two to three times as much as the recipe calls for.
- If your fruit jams and jellies foam while cooking, add a little margarine or butter. For no-fail results, follow the recipes on a container of Sure-Jell pectin.
- To ensure crisp pickles, cut off the blossom ends of cucumbers (enzymes from the flower can cause pickles to soften).
- Too pooped to pickle? Slice and dehydrate all those fruits and vegetables. Electric dehydrators make the job easy; one manufacturer is Harvest Maid.
- Freeze those peas. Here's how according to Organic Gardening: Blanch small pods for two minutes (large pods, three minutes) in boiling water. Then

dunk them in an ice-water bath. Drain and seal in airtight containers, and freeze.

• Embellish garden salads with edible flowers: nasturtiums, pansies, violets, borago, day lily, rose.

### MONTAGUE INN PESTO SAUCE

Secluded on eight manicured acres in Saginaw, the Montague Inn has won awards for its elegant entrees, many of which are seasoned with fresh herbs from the country inn's kitchen garden.

Using fresh basil from your own garden (or from the produce section at your local market), try this easy pesto sauce with pasta or soup.

- 2 cups basil leaves (packed)
- 1 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 2 large cloves of garlic, peeled
- 1/2 cup of olive oil

Combine the basil, Parmesan cheese, salt and garlic in a blender or food processor, whirling at high speed until smooth. Gradually pour in oil while blender is running; whirl until well mixed. Cover and refrigerate up to one week, or freeze in small batches for longer storage. Makes about 1 1/3 cups.

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