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Hello Neighbors,

Happy almost spring! These restless winds of March have us in a contemplative mood, so we wanted to share what's been on our minds. With the world constantly changing at the drop of an algorithm, we've been reflecting on something that hasn't changed in 65 years-our commitment to you!

When our parents started this journey in 1955, supplements and organic food weren't available at the speed of same-day delivery, acquired via faceless transactions and guided by anonymous reviews. Theirs was a face-to-face, get-to-know-your-customers-and-suppliers kind of business. And that, although it has expanded, has not changed. We see your faces when you walk through our doors, we engage with you, and have the conversations that help you find the supplements and foods that meet your unique needs. Most of all, we care that you leave with the highest quality and authentic products you seek. The only way for us to guarantee that happens is to continue doing it just like our parents taught us-knowing every ingredient, supplier, and product that finds a place on our shelves! We are proud that we are not a "market place" that sells every poor quality, expired, questionably made with questionable ingredients, out-right fake product any unscrupulous supplier wants to put up for sale.

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As technology continues to re-shape and change our world and how we live our daily lives, there is one constant that you can trust: Us, because our family values haven't changed. The importance of personal relationships, caring about the health and wellbeing of our communities, and nutritional expertise has guided us for the last 65 years, and their value far outweighs the convenience of an algorithm. Our enduring commitment to you is sharing the empowerment of nutrition education and the benefits of the best natural and organic products, at Always Affordable Prices, because that's the legacy our parents passed on to us.

Now we'll leave you to your own springtime reflections, and we hope, as the Irish blessing says, that "Good luck be with you wherever you go, and your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow." We look forward to seeing you soon!

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GREEN ONION DIP

This simple dip is the perfect combination of salty, savory bacon and bright green onions, all wrapped in a creamy dip. You'll love it with your favorite crudité, crackers, or even smeared on a sandwich or burger.

INSTRUCTIONS

PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES | MAKES 1¹/₂ CUPS

- Add the cream cheese, mayonnaise, lemon juice, garlic, salt, and pepper to a medium bowl. Use a fork to mash and mix well until a smooth, uniform texture is achieved.
- Chop the bacon and the green onions. Reserve about a quarter of each for topping and add the remainder to

the bowl. Mix well; taste and adjust seasonings as desired. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, up to 24. Refrigerate the reserved bacon and onion in a separate airtight container. Top with the reserved bacon and green onion just before serving.

INGREDIENTS

1 (8-ounce) package organic full-fat cream cheese

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Natural Grocers Brand Bulk Real Salt and Organic Ground Black Pepper, to taste

4 slices cooked Natural Grocers Brand bacon

2 bunches organic green onions, ends trimmed

FOR THE LOVE OF ORGANICS: GREEN ONIONS



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IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE A CIVILIZATION WITHOUT ONIONS. -Julia Child

And without soil, it's impossible to sustain a civilization! The humble green onion is our featured organic produce this month; it is so widely available that we may take its existence for granted, which is also easy to do with the soil it grows from. While we can take for granted that green onions are abundant and easy to find, it's dangerous to take for granted the life source of our food supply—healthy, abundant soil—so let's dig into some fundamentals of food, farming, and climate.

THE HEALTH OF SOIL, PLANT, ANIMAL AND MAN IS ONE AND INDIVISIBLE.

-Albert Howard

When we treat soil like dirt, it loses the synergistic balance of microbes and nutrients that make it vital to the wellbeing of our planet. Healthy soil is rich in organic matter, which increases its fertility, ability to retain moisture, and structural integrity. Organic matter is composed of a mixture of bacteria and fungi, decaying plant tissue, etc. and is rich in carbon. Because of this, soil organic carbon (SOC) is often used as a measurement to indicate levels of organic matter in the soil.¹² Guess what consumes organic matter faster than it can be created? Synthetic nitrogen, the fertilizer on which most of our food-producing farmland now depends. The proof is in the oldest experimental agricultural fields in the country, the Morrow Plots of Illinois. A group of researchers analyzed the data on SOC in these plots from 1904 to 2005. Over the first few decades, the SOC consistently increased, but after the introduction of synthetic nitrogen fertilizer in 1967, the situation reversed and SOC steadily declined.³ Not only that, the levels of nitrogen stored in the soil were significantly reduced as well, despite the fact that large amounts of synthetic nitrogen had been added to it over time.⁴ Organic farming, in contrast, uses holistic techniques to fix nitrogen in the soil, build and maintain organic matter, and increase the potential for CO2 sequestration.⁵ ⁶ With our climate in crisis, every food choice counts—so will your green onions be grown in soil or dirt?

OUR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SHOULD BEGIN ON THE FARM... -Gary Hopkins

Here's a not-so-fun fact about metam potassium, the synthetic pesticide most used on green onions in California in 2016: The EPA has identified it as "likely to be carcinogenic to humans."⁷⁸ If that's not unsavory enough, consider this—the roster of pesticide residue found on green onions in USDA pesticide data tests includes four probable carcinogens, 13 suspected hormone disruptors, and 10 honeybee toxins.⁹ We'll keep our appetites organic, thank you!

GROW OLD AND SAY, "WHAT WAS I THINKING EATING ALL THOSE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES? -Nancy S. Mure

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Oh green onions, you make our favorite savory dishes more delicious AND you come with a serving of the mighty flavonoid quercetin.¹⁰ All onions are an excellent source of this phytonutrient, which has potent antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, plus there's an organic exclamation point when we're talking benefits.^{11 12} A comparison study between conventional and organically raised yellow and red onions showed that total flavonol content, and quercetin specifically, were higher in organic varieties!¹³ The reason? Researchers attributed it to the difference in soil management practices.¹⁴ lsn't it delightful when being healthy tastes so good?

SWITCHING TO ALL ORGANIC FOOD PRODUCTION IS THE SINGLE MOST CRITICAL (AND MOST DOABLE) ACTION WE CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW TO STOP OUR CLIMATE CRISIS.

-Maria Rodale

When it comes to flavor, every St. Paddy's Day spread needs this month's featured recipe for Natural Grocers Creamy Green Onion Dip! When it comes to food, the future of civilization depends on the choices we make, so let's make them organic, and not take our planet for granted any longer.







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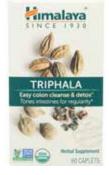
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EDITOR'S NOTE:

Last month, we focused on the health benefits of the nutrient L-carnitine. This month, learn what its derivative acetyl-L-carnitine can do for your mental and cognitive health!

BOOST YOUR BRAND POWER WITH ACETYL-L-CARNITINE!* By Suzenne Boothby

IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHRONIC STRESS, DEPRESSION, AND AGE-RELATED COGNITIVE DECLINE, ACETYL-L-CARNITINE SUPPORTS BRAIN FUNCTION AND MENTAL WELLBEING.

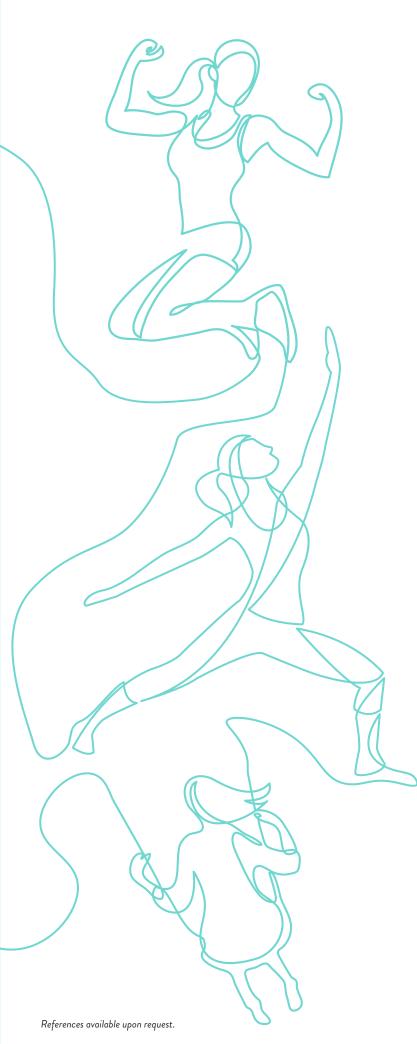
Whether it's preventing anxiety and depression, enhancing memory, improving attention and focus, or just maintaining overall brain function as we age, brain health is top of mind (pun intended) for many of us. For anyone looking to reduce the effects of stress on the brain, combat depression, and enhance overall brain performance, including mood and memory, the supplement acetyl-L-carnitine (ALCAR) should be at the top of your list.

A derivative of L-carnitine, ALCAR easily crosses the bloodbrain barrier where it increases brain carnitine levels and helps increase acetylcholine, an important neurotransmitter vital to learning, memory, and general cognition (severe depletion of acetylcholine is associated with Alzheimer's disease). Acetylcholine also supports neuronal plasticity, your brain's ability to change and grow throughout your lifetime.¹ Maintaining levels of this neurotransmitter is critical for a healthy brain.

As we age and/or experience chronic stress, carnitine levels decline in the brain and body.² Because carnitine is so critical

for healthy energy production in the mitochondria, this agerelated or stress-related drop causes mitochondrial activity to slow down and contributes to a host of neurological issues, including memory loss, depression, and more. Further, ailing, poor-functioning mitochondria put a large amount of oxidative stress on the body, which can accelerate the aging process and lead to chronic inflammation.³ ALCAR increases the efficiency of mitochondrial energy production in the brain and supports overall mitochondrial health, reducing both oxidative damage and inflammation.⁴

Research has shown that ALCAR can improve cognitive function, particularly in people who are starting to experience age-related decline.⁵ In one study, scientists found that carnitine levels in older animals are about 20 percent lower than younger ones, and that supplementation with ALCAR helped restore them.⁶ And in a study of older men and women between the ages of 70 and 88, those who took a daily supplement of ALCAR had a significant increase in both their physical and mental energy levels, along with an improvement in their overall cognitive function.⁷



ALCAR, STRESS, DEPRESSION & DEMENTIA

Research investigating ALCAR's mechanisms of action is helping to give more insight into how and why stress can lead to depression.

In one study published in *Molecular Psychiatry*, researchers examined mice exposed to prolonged stress, finding structural changes in the amygdala, the part of the brain known to regulate emotions, including fear and anxiety.⁸ Changes in the amygdala have also been linked with anxiety and depressive disorders.

During the study, mice endured 21 days of periodic confinement in a small space and then scientists tested to see how their behavior changed. They also analyzed neurons within three regions of the amygdala. They found that neurons in the medial amygdala shrank. This kind of damage can lead to an inability to adapt to new experiences and contribute to feeling depressed.

They later repeated the chronic stress experiment, this time giving some mice ALCAR supplementation toward the end of the 21 days. These animals fared far better than the ones who did not receive ALCAR and their medial amygdalas showed more branching, or growth.

A 2018 meta-analysis found that ALCAR supplementation in humans significantly lowers depressive symptoms compared with placebo or no intervention, and does so with fewer adverse effects than established antidepressants, especially in older adults. Further, several of the trials included in the review showed ALCAR to be as effective as prescription antidepressants in reducing depressive symptoms, with fewer side effects. The average dose was 3 grams per day.⁹¹⁰

ALCAR has also been studied for its ability to help those with Alzheimer's disease, which affects an estimated 5.8 million Americans.¹¹ An early study from 1998 found that daily ALCAR supplementation lead to improvements in cognitive function and slowed the progression of the disease in Alzheimer's patients who were younger than 61.¹²

Recent studies have upheld those initial findings, showing the earlier patients start taking ALCAR, the more effective it is. Doses ranging from 1.5 to 3 grams per day for at least three months consistently show improvements in cognitive function several-fold greater than placebo, with significant improvements in attention, memory, and intellectual functioning.^{13 14}

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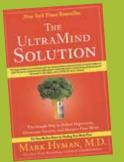
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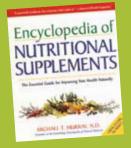


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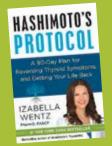
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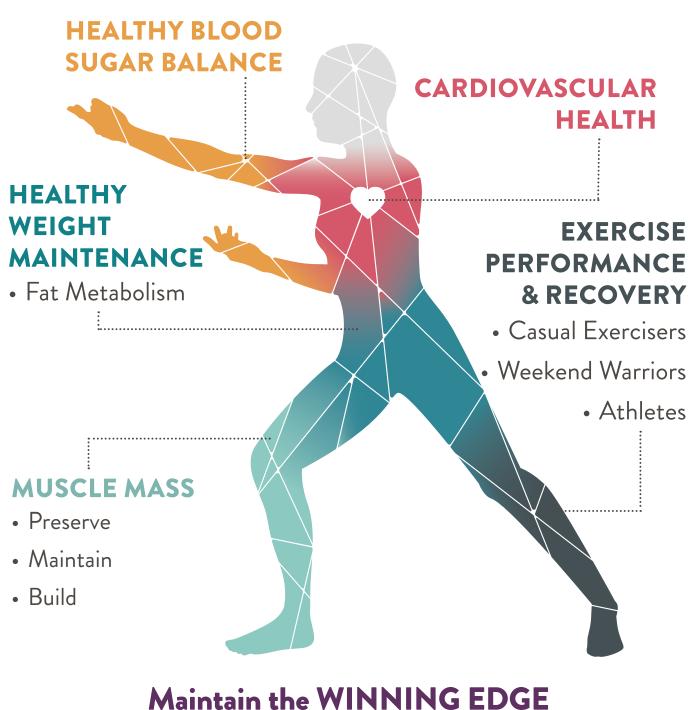


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Dietary dogmas die hard, and never has this been truer than with cholesterol. The "cholesterol-is-bad-and-causes-heartdisease" hypothesis is one that was built on a skewed study from more than 60 years ago—that even back then was criticized as being flawed—but through the years, it shaped government dietary guidelines and ingrained in us the idea that dietary cholesterol should be avoided at all costs.

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But this hardline stance is slowly softening—the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, the scientific committee that issues federal dietary guidelines, said that dietary cholesterol is no longer "a nutrient of concern" in their last report, and prior to that, the American Heart Association and American College of Cardiology said there was not enough scientific evidence to show that limiting dietary cholesterol lowered LDL cholesterol in the blood.¹²

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It's time to take a new look at cholesterol and understand that it is not the dietary bogeyman it's been made out to be, that it is crucial for good health, and that there are other, more serious risk factors for cardiovascular disease, including a diet heavy in sugar and refined carbs, metabolic dysfunction, poor blood sugar control, and lack of regular physical activity. LDL

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CHOLESTEROL: THE BREAKDOWN

Cholesterol is so vital to human health that our bodies don't rely on diet to provide it—most of the cholesterol found in our bodies is not from food but made via the liver and intestines (20% vs 80%).³ It is a key building block for hormones, including estrogen and testosterone; it is required to make vitamin D; it gives cell membranes stability, keeping them healthy; it is involved in cellular communication and normal apoptosis (cell death); and it helps our bodies absorb the fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K. The body works hard to maintain cholesterol homeostasis, or balance, and will reduce or increase endogenous production as needed.⁴

There are two major types of cholesterol: High-density lipoprotein (HDL) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL). In general, LDL delivers cholesterol to tissues throughout the body, while HDL brings cholesterol back to the liver for excretion. You will likely have

heard that LDL is "bad" cholesterol and HDL is "good" cholesterol. But LDL is not inherently bad—it becomes unhealthy when it is oxidized, or damaged by free radicals.⁵

Further, there are specific types of LDL which determine how susceptible it is to oxidation, and thus whether it is problematic. Large, fluffy LDL is known as "pattern A" LDL, and it is associated with a lower risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD). Then there is small, dense LDL known as "pattern B" LDL that is more vulnerable to oxidation and is significantly associated with an increased risk of heart attack.⁶⁷ Pattern B LDL is also associated with higher levels of triglycerides, another predictor of CVD.⁸ And it is a diet high in refined carbohydrates, particularly sugar—not cholesterol—that increases levels of pattern B LDL and triglycerides.^{910 1112}

SUPPORT YOUR BEST CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH (FORGET THE CHOLESTEROL)

CVD is a complicated process, but some of the major risk factors include chronic inflammation and oxidative damage, high blood pressure, and chronically elevated blood sugar and insulin levels. Cholesterol is not a driving factor for these. Sugar is. Trans fats are. And an excess of refined and processed carbohydrates are. The best diet to support long-term cardiovascular health is one that is low in processed and refined carbohydrates and rich in a variety of colorful vegetables, healthy fats (extra virgin olive oil, organic butter and ghee, coconut oil, unrefined avocado oil, etc.) moderate protein, and some nuts and seeds.¹³¹⁴ This is a dietary lifestyle that will reduce inflammation and oxidation, help you maintain balanced blood sugar and insulin levels, and support healthy blood pressure—all things that reduce your risk of CVD.

In addition to adopting a healthy diet, consider some of these supplements that have a proven track record in supporting overall cardiovascular health.

BERBERINE. This potent plant compound has been found to have a positive impact on several markers of cardiovascular health, including improving the ratio of HDL to LDL cholesterol, improving endothelial function, and suppressing inflammation. One review of existing studies found that berberine significantly reduced total cholesterol, triglycerides, and LDL cholesterol, and resulted in a "remarkable" increase in HDL cholesterol.^{15 16 17} Try 1,500 mg in divided doses daily.¹⁸

EPA & DHA. Numerous studies support the cardiovascular benefits of the omega-3 fats EPA and DHA, including their ability to reduce triglycerides, blood pressure, and inflammation. In both observational studies and clinical trials, higher levels of EPA and DHA are associated with a lower risk of sudden cardiac death (heart attack). Some research has also found that DHA in particular can increase the particle size of LDL cholesterol (remember, it's the smaller particles of LDL that are associated with an increased risk of heart attack).^{19 20 21} Studies have generally used 3–4 grams of combined EPA and DHA daily.²²

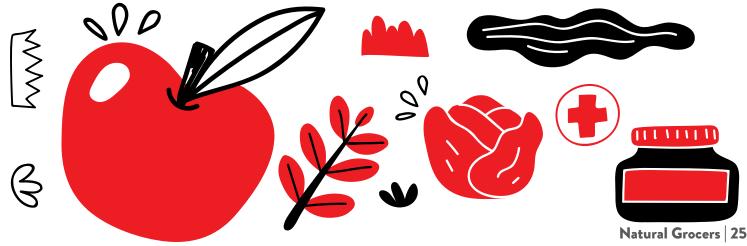
VITAMIN E. The body's "master" fat-soluble antioxidant, vitamin E protects against the oxidation of LDL cholesterol, a risk factor for atherosclerosis. Large population studies have shown as vitamin E intake increases, the risk of heart attack and death from heart disease decreases, and the results of the Vitamin E Atherosclerosis Prevention Study found that supplementing with 400 IU of vitamin E daily significantly decreased circulating oxidized LDL cholesterol and also reduced LDL's susceptibility to being oxidized.^{23 24 25} Try 400 IUs of natural source D-alpha-tocopherol daily.

MAGNESIUM. This essential mineral plays a key role in hundreds of different biochemical processes in the body, including the regulation of heartbeat. In one study, researchers at the Harvard University School of Public Health determined that high blood levels of magnesium are associated with a significantly lower risk of developing cardiovascular diseases, including ischemic heart disease.²⁶ Try 300-400 mg daily.

VITAMIN D. Research has shown that people with low levels of vitamin D are significantly more likely to experience a heart attack, heart failure, or stroke. In addition, people with low vitamin D levels are also more likely to have high blood pressure.^{27 28} Deficiencies in vitamin D are common; it's important to have your vitamin D levels checked and aim to maintain them between 40-80 ng/mL.²⁹ For most people, 4,000–5,000 IU daily is beneficial.

VITAMIN K2. This form of vitamin K (unlike K1, which is found in leafy greens, K2 is found in pasture-raised animal products) is necessary to activate proteins that ensure calcium is deposited in the bones and teeth and removed from soft tissues like the arteries. These proteins play a significant role in the prevention of atherosclerosis. The Rotterdam Heart Study, one of the first large-scale population-based studies that looked at the connection between K2 and heart disease, revealed that subjects who consumed the largest amounts of vitamin K2 in their diet experienced a 57 percent reduction in death from heart disease compared to people who consumed the least amount. They also had less calcium buildup in the aorta.³⁰ Studies have found that 45 mcg daily is associated with a reduction in arterial calcification and cardiovascular mortality.³¹

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P.S. It loves a drizzle of chocolate or caramel toobut remember—if you try it that way, you may never stop.

SNACK ATTACK? DON'T SWEAT IT!

It'll sneak up on you when you're least expecting it—that craving for something sweet, salty, crunchy—the perfectly balanced snack. You may be in an important meeting, on a date, inventing a composting garbage can—it can happen anywhere, anytime! We know, and we've got you covered. The answer is called Snack Attack (Natural Grocers' own), and like everything we put our name on, it's good4u too—certified organic and non-GMO, without any artificial junk. Roasted almonds and peanuts mingle with raisins and dark chocolate chunks in delicious simplicity. It's so fabulous that when we finally get around to exploring Tierra Del Fuego, in Argentina (where the peanuts come from), we're taking this mix to "The End of the World" with us!

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If you're thinking about the mundane task of writing your next grocery list, how about doing a little light reading first? Allow us to introduce you to "Think Wisely"—a narrative about the stuff you may want to include in your next snack, or brunch, or "welcome to the neighborhood" gift basket... Every product has a story to tell, and we're having a blast finding some fun ones to share with you. All you have to do is sit back, relax and make that grocery list something you look forward to.

REIMAGINE YOUR SALAD!

A salad without dressing is like a dinner party without friends! So is a sandwich without mayo, and most things without mustard because, let's face it, condiments are one of life's tastiest details. Yet, when you're keto, paleo or gluten free, condiments 3 45 07 can be a challenge. So much sugar is often hiding in the fine-print and artificial junk that nobody needs, regardless of your lifestyle. Sir Kensington's is here to change that. Their mission is to "reimagine ordinary and overlooked food with fearless integrity and charm," using the freshest, healthiest, responsibly sourced ingredients to bring more flavor to your plate. Their latest reinvention is the vinaigrette, in four Keto Certified varieties. Non-GMO Project Verified, and gluten freethey average 2 grams of carbs per serving, and they're packaged in amber glass bottles to protect the integrity of the oils. Light, bright, and known by some as "the best ever," there's only one thing that makes sense-grab a bottle (of Sir Kensington's Vinaigrette), call your friends, and throw a dinner party!

HOW BITCHIN' IS YOUR PARTY?

It's a party food kind of month—St. Patrick's Day, March Madness, end-of-spring-cleaning bash—take your pick because there's something to celebrate. And what does a celebration require? The most Bitchin' dip in town! We're talking about the plant-based beacon of deliciousness known as Bitchin' Sauce, whose saga began when Starr Edwards was just 16 and trying to make her vegan lifestyle more flavorful, without artificial props. Using a handful of wholesome ingredients and a lot of culinary genius, she created these creamy, almond-based sauces and changed the future of plant-based diets everywhere, thank you very much! Make that the future of

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INGREDIENTS INSTRUCTIONS

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1/2 teaspoon Real Salt

8 slices bacon

1/2 teaspoon Organic Smoked Paprika

1/2-1 teaspoon Organic Red Chili Flakes

3 tablespoons Natural Grocers Brand

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1/2 teaspoon Organic Ground Black Pepper

TOTAL TIME: 40 MINUTES | SERVES 4

- 1. Preheat oven to 375° F.
- In a small bowl, mix together the seasonings, except for the red pepper flakes. Rub the seasoning mixture all over the chicken thighs, making sure to thoroughly coat both sides.
- 3. Wrap two slices of bacon around each thigh. Tuck the bacon underneath the chicken; to tightly secure the bacon around the chicken you can also use toothpicks to hold it in place.
- 4. Place the chicken thighs in a baking dish or oven-proof skillet, drizzle the maple syrup over the bacon and rub to fully coat, sprinkle with the red pepper flakes, and bake for 30 minutes, or until the chicken reaches an internal temperature of 165° F and the bacon is nicely browned. If the chicken is done before the bacon has browned, turn the broiler on high and broil for 2-3 minutes to crisp the bacon. Serve with a simple side salad and sautéed green beans, or check out naturalgrocers.com/ recipe-finder for more great side ideas!







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DRASTIC DECLINE IN SONGBIRDS LINKED TO NEONIC PESTICIDES

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By Lindsay Wilson

Neonicotinoids, or "neonics," are a class of insecticides introduce in the 1990s and are currently the most widely used insecticides in the world. They are most commonly used as seed treatments, that is, seeds are coated in the pesticide before they are sold. As the treated seeds grow, the neonics are taken up by the roots, where they are incorporated throughout the entire plant, including the leaves, pollen, and nectar. They are also widely dispersed into the environment and numerous studies have shown that they impact more than just the insects they target, including earthworms, fish, honeybees, and other important pollinators.¹²³⁴⁵ And now, a new study has linked neonics to the dramatic decline in North American songbirds.

The study, published in late 2019 in the journal *Science*, found that migrating birds that ate the equivalent of just one or two neonic-treated seeds suffered immediate weight loss, delaying their normal migration, severely harming their chances of surviving and reproducing, according to researchers.⁶

"We show a clear link between neonicotinoid exposure at real-world levels and an impact on birds," lead author Margaret Eng said.

According to an earlier study published in the journal *PLOS One*, agricultural land is 48 times more toxic to honeybees than it was 25 years ago, almost entirely due to neonicotinoids, "which potentially threatens the health of the honeybees and other pollinators and may contribute to declines in beneficial insect populations as well as insectivorous birds and other insect consumers."⁷

Kendra Klein, senior staff scientist at Friends of the Earth US and co-author of the study, said that the significant increase in toxicity of agricultural land correlates directly with the sharp decline in bees, butterflies, other pollinators, and birds. "Neonics are like a new DDT, except they are a thousand times more toxic to bees than DDT was," she said.

WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT

Buy organically grown food! Additionally, it's not just crop seeds that are routinely coated with neonicotinoids—so are the seeds used to grow many flowers and plants you can buy at your local plant nursery, big box store, or on the internet. As you begin to think about spring planting, remember the birds and the bees (and other pollinators!) and avoid buying flowers grown from neonic-coated seeds, ask the seller if the plants are grown from neonic-treated seeds, and if you plant from seed, always choose organic.

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Of these adults, less than half have their hypertension controlled. Increasing prevalence of hypertension remains an important public health concern due to its direct link to increased risk for cardiovascular disease, particularly stroke, heart attack, and heart failure, and due to this, current research has placed emphasis on identifying effective therapies for the management of hypertension.

A 2018 study conducted by researchers at the National Institute of

Integrative Medicine found Kyolic Aged Garlic Extract (AGE) to be a powerful supplement for reducing blood pressure (BP) in adults aged 50-70 years with uncontrolled hypertension. This doubleblind, randomized, placebo-controlled trial involved 49 participants who were assigned to receive either two capsules of

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1.2 g of AGE) or placebo for 12 weeks.Results of the study revealed that three months of AGE supplementation significantly reduced systolic and diastolic BP. Measures of arterial stiffness were also significantly improved. According

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Due to the average blood pressure reduction observed in this study, researchers concluded that

the use of Kyolic AGE is comparable to conventional blood pressure drug therapies, reducing the risk of cardiovascular events such as heart attack or stroke by 30-40 percent.

STATINS INCREASE RISK OF SKIN INFECTIONS, DIABETES

Statins are one of the most widely prescribed pharmaceuticals in the U.S., with millions of people taking these cholesterol-lowering drugs. But as the prevalence of statin use has increased, so have the concerns for side effects. Recent research has found that statin use, especially long-term use, significantly increases the risk of developing diabetes and problematic skin infections.

The study, published in the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology in late 2019, investigated whether statins increased the risk of skin and soft tissue infections (SSTIs), specifically staph infections, and diabetes. Researchers reviewed data from the Australian Department of Veterans Affairs to determine the relationship between statins and SSTIs; statins and diabetes; and diabetes and SSTIs, as well as whether statins increased the risk of SSTIs independent of diabetes. The researchers found a significant association between statins, diabetes risk, and risk of SSTIs in patients within 91 days of starting statin therapy. Their analysis revealed that statins were associated with a significant risk of skin infections, in both nondiabetic and diabetic statin users, as well as a significant risk of new onset diabetes.

Statins have been shown to inhibit specific T regulatory immune cells within four to 12 weeks of use, which may increase susceptibility to infections and may explain the increased risk of SSTIs among statin users. The researchers wrote, "Regardless of the actual mechanism(s), it would seem prudent for clinicians to monitor blood glucose levels of statin users who are predisposed to diabetes, and be mindful of possible increased SSTI risks in such patients."

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