Healthy Serving Ideas
- Sauté chopped zucchini, yellow squash, onions, and peppers. Add to chicken enchiladas, burritos, or quesadillas.
- Dip raw zucchini slices into lowfat salad dressing for a light summer snack.
- Sauté chopped zucchini with garlic and a dash of oregano. Sprinkle with lowfat cheese and serve as a warm side dish.
- Zucchini is delicious grilled, served on its own with some olive oil, salt and pepper, or chopped into a grilled veggie salad.

Herbed Vegetable Combo
Makes 4 servings. 1/2 cup each.
Cook time: 10 minutes
Ingredients:
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 cup thinly sliced zucchini
- 1 1/4 cups thinly sliced yellow squash
- 1/2 cup green bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1/4 cup celery, cut into 2-inch strips
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 medium tomato, cut into wedges

Directions:
1. Heat water in medium pan. Add 1. zucchini, squash, bell pepper, celery, and onion.
2. Cover and cook over medium heat until vegetables are crisp-tender (about 4 minutes).
4. Cover again and cook over low heat until tomatoes are warm (about 2 minutes). Serve warm.

Nutrition information per serving:
- Calories 24, Carbohydrate 5 g, Dietary Fiber 2 g, Protein 1 g, Total Fat 0 g, Saturated Fat 0 g, Trans Fat 0 g, Cholesterol 0 mg, Sodium 11 mg
- Adapted from: Everyday Health Meals, Network for a Healthy California, 2007.

Home Grown Facts
- Zucchini is a type of soft shell summer squash. Zucchini is actually the fruit of the plant but is considered a vegetable because of the nutrients it provides. Some zucchini grow on bushes, others on vines.
- The zucchini plant develops flowers, known as squash blossoms, which can be eaten. After the flowers are pollinated, zucchini will begin to grow just behind the flower. As the squash grows, the flower dries up and falls off.

In North Carolina, summer squash, like zucchini, are available in the spring and fall. The majority of zucchini is grown in Sampson and Henderson counties. Many family farms and backyard gardens across NC also grow zucchini.
- Other summer squash include the yellow Crookneck and Straightneck squashes and scalloped Pattypan squash.

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The North Carolina Harvest of the Month featured vegetable is zucchini.

Health and Learning Success Go Hand-in-Hand
Learning does not end when the school day ends. And neither does the need for healthy food choices! Growing students need nutritious foods all year long to help the body and mind grow and function. Harvest of the Month can help your family eat healthy and be more active.

BE AN ACTIVE FAMILY!
The summer months are a great time to be active outdoors. Create a weekly family calendar of ways to be active together as a family. Limit TV, video games, computer and mobile device use to no more than 2 hours a day. Get out and play!
How Much Zucchini?

- A half cup of sliced zucchini is about one cupped handful.
- A half cup of sliced zucchini is a good source* of vitamin C.
- It also provides a source of manganese.

*Good sources provide 10–19% Daily Value.

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: ½ cup zucchini, sliced (57g)

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Recommended Daily Amount of Fruits and Vegetables*

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**If you are active, eat the higher number of cups per day.**

Visit www.choosemyplate.gov to learn more.

More Zucchini Each Day

- Add extra shredded zucchini to **zucchini bread**. Bake in muffin tins for an easy snack. Make this treat even healthier by using applesauce instead of oil and adding in raisins.
- Sauté chopped zucchini, onions, and bell peppers to add to chicken **enchiladas**.
- Sauté zucchini **sticks** with garlic and a dash of oregano. Top this tasty side dish with a little Parmesan cheese.