

## APRICOT-ALMOND RICE PILAF

ACTIVE TIME 15 minutes TOTAL TIME 35 minutes MAKES 8 side-dish servings

2 Tbsp. vegetable oil

1 med. onion, finely chopped

1 clove garlic, crushed with press

2 c. long-grain white rice

3 c. chicken broth

1/2 c. dried apricots, chopped

1/3 c. sliced almonds, toasted

1/4 c. fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves, finely chopped

1. In 5-qt. saucepot, heat oil on med. Add onion; cook 4 min., stirring occasionally. Add garlic and 1/4 tsp. salt; cook 2 to 4 min. or until garlic is golden, stirring frequently.

2. Add rice to pot; cook 2 min., stirring constantly. Add broth and apricots. Heat to boiling on high. Reduce heat to maintain simmer. Cover and simmer 20 min. or until broth is absorbed. Remove from heat; let stand, covered, 5 min.

3. Fluff rice with fork. If making ahead, cool completely and refrigerate in airtight container up to 2 days; microwave on High 7 min. to reheat.

4. To serve, gently fold in almonds and parsley. Makes about 7 c.

EACH SERVING 

About 275 calories, 6 g protein, 49 g carbohydrate, 6 g total fat (1 g saturated), 2 g fiber, 2 mg cholesterol, 440 mg sodium.