### Cooking Essentials

# Ingredients for Life

## **Greek-Inspired Meatballs**

These Greek-Inspired Meatballs are nutritious, easy to make, and full of flavor. They pair great with a salad, on top of grains, or your favorite vegetables! If you don't have a grater, simply dice the zucchini into small pieces. These meatballs are packed with protein and fiber to help keep you satisfied. Although it may seem odd, oats are a great breadcrumb substitute. They offer more fiber and protein than breadcrumbs, and once cooked, you will never even know they were there. Make extras and freeze. Next time you need a quick protein, reheat meatballs in the microwave, skillet, or air fryer for a few minutes.

Serves 5 Serving size: 4 meatballs Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Total time: 30 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground meat (ground turkey, ground chicken, or lean ground beef)
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup old-fashioned oats
- 1/2 onion, diced
- 1 cup grated zucchini, liquid squeezed out well (typically 1-2 medium-sized zucchini)

- 1 Tablespoon dried oregano
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice (typically one medium-sized lemon)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper



#### **Directions**

- 1. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl until well combined.
- 2. Spoon out about 1 Tablespoon of the mixture and roll in your hands to form a ping pong ball-sized meatball.
- 3. Cooking methods
  - Oven: Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly spray a baking sheet with cooking spray. Spread meatballs out on a baking sheet so they do not touch. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until they have reached a safe internal temperature.
  - Stovetop: Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Lightly spray with cooking spray. Add meatballs in batches so they do not touch while in the pan. Cook for 8-10 minutes, tossing halfway through. Meatballs are done once they have reached a safe internal temperature.
  - Air Fryer: Preheat air fryer to 380°F. Lightly spray air fryer basket with cooking spray. Add meatballs in batches so they do not touch while cooking. Cook for 6-8 minutes, tossing halfway through. Meatballs are done once they have reached a safe internal temperature.

RECOMMENDED COOKING TEMPERATURES Use a digital thermometer to ensure your food is safely cooked to the correct temperature.

145°F: Pork or lamb 158°F: Ground beef 165°F: Chicken or turkey

### **Nutrition Facts**

5 Servings Per Container **Serving Size** 

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Amount Per Serving Calories

190

Calories	190
	% Daily Value *
Total Fat 9g	12%
Saturated Fat 2.5g	12%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 105mg	35%
Sodium 450mg	20%
Total Carbohydrates 9g	3%
Dietary Fiber 2g	7%
Total Sugars 2g	
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 20g	
Vitamin D 0.6mcg	2%
Calcium 80mg	6%
Iron 3.4mg	20%
Potassium 430mg	10%
Phosphorus 250mg	20%
* The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how m serving of food contributes to a daily die day is used for general nutrition advice.	

Ingredients: Ground Turkey, Zucchini Summer Squash, Onions, Eggs, Lemon Juice, Oats, Oregano, Kosher Salt. Black Pepper

Contains: Eggs



