Lemon Rice



Ingredients

3 cups cooked and cooled rice

1 lemon

1 onion

3 whole chilies

One handful dried curry leaves

2 tbsp cooking oil

½ tsp salt

1 tsp turmeric

1 tsp cumin seeds

1 tsp black mustard seeds

Preparation

Squeeze the lemon juice.

Add the lemon juice, salt, and turmeric to the rice. Mix well.

Slice the onion lengthwise.

Cut the chilies into pieces.



Heat the oil in a deep pan.

Add mustard and cumin seeds to the hot oil. The seeds will pop.

Add onion slices, curry leaves, and chili pieces.

Suaté for two minutes. Do not brown onions.



Add rice.

Stir to combine all the ingredients.



Cover and cook on low heat until the rice is completely heated through, about 10 minutes.

Stir well and turn the heat off.





Serve with a piece of grilled fish, roasted chicken, sausage, slice of meat loaf, or an omelet. Sautéed vegetables or collard greens go well with lemon rice.

Notes

Lemon rice can be stored in the fridge for over a week. Heat thoroughly or microwave before serving.

Curry leaves and pieces of chilies should be discarded either before serving or on the plate.

The dish can be made without curry leaves, but the flavor they impart is unique. You can get fresh curry leaves in Indian grocery stores. Wash, dry, and store curry leaves.

Use more lemon juice if you want the rice to be more tart.