BACON-WRAPPED ROASTED SQUASH EGG MUFFIN CUPS

PREP TIME: 10 minutes
COOKING TIME: 15 minutes
MAKES 8 muffins (1 per serving)

These delicious egg muffin cups can be a grab-and-go breakfast or part of a to-go lunch. They can be reheated quickly or enjoyed at room temperature. Use this recipe with your own favorite fillings for thousands of possible variations (see a handful of our suggested combinations below).

A nonstick silicone muffin pan will simplify the removal of the muffin cups from the pan, as well as the cleanup. If you are using a metal muffin pan, use cupcake liners for easy cleanup.

8 slices bacon, cooked but not crispy (it needs to remain flexible)

1 cup (140 g) peeled, diced, and roasted butternut squash

1 teaspoon olive oil

3 ounces (85 g) fresh (soft) goat cheese, crumbled

8 large eggs

 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon fine sea salt

½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400°F (205°C). Have on hand a standard-size 12-cup nonstick muffin pan.
- 2. Line 8 of the muffin cups with the bacon, using 1 slice per cup. Divide the butternut squash among the bacon cups, then drizzle with the oil and sprinkle on the goat cheese.
- 3. Crack the eggs into a large bowl, season with the salt and pepper, whisk well, and pour into the bacon-lined cups, filling each about three-quarters full.
- 4. Place the muffin pan in the oven and bake until the eggs are firm, puffed, and golden brown, about 15 minutes.
- 5. Remove the pan from the oven, let the muffins cool a bit, then remove the muffins from the pan and enjoy warm. Store the remaining cups in the refrigerator for up to 1 week. Enjoy cold or reheat individually as desired.

NUTRITION FACTS (PER SERVING)

VARIATIONS

Use a range of different ingredients to fill the egg cups before pouring in the whisked eggs and baking:

- Crumbled or diced cooked Italian sausage, diced roasted red peppers, and crumbled feta cheese
- Diced or shredded cooked chicken, sliced cooked asparagus, and shredded mozzarella cheese
- ▶ Diced roasted Mediterranean vegetables and grated Parmesan cheese
- ▶ Crumbled cooked sausage of choice, chopped cooked broccoli, and crumbled blue cheese

► Sliced roast beef and diced and caramelized red onions

| CALORIES | FAT | PROTEIN | NET CARBS | CARBS |
|----------|-----|---------|-----------|-------|
| 133 | 9g | 10g | 2g | 3g |
| | 61% | 30% | 6% | _ |

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