

# Food for Thought

## Minestrone Soup

- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 medium to large onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, sliced or diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 cups vegetable stock or water
- 1 bay leaf
- 28-oz. can tomatoes with juice
- 1/3 cup brown rice
- 16-oz. can organic kidney beans, undrained, or 2 cups home-cooked beans
- 1 lb. fresh green beans, cut into 1" pieces or a 10-oz. package frozen cut green beans

In a 6-qt. pot, saute onion, celery, carrots, and garlic until softened. Add stock or water, tomatoes, rice, and bay leaf. Bring to a boil and cover, reducing heat to a simmer for 50 minutes; stir occasionally. Stir in kidney beans and green beans and simmer for 5-10 minutes more until all vegetables are tender. Remove bay leaf before serving.

*servings 8*

