# Legumes "Beans"

### **NUTIRITONAL BENEFITS**

Protein- helps maintain muscle strength
Fiber- Supports heart health and digestion
Iron & Folate- Boosts energy and brain health



#### **HOW TO COOK DRIED BEANS**

- 1<u>. Rinse & Sort:</u> Rinse beans under cold water. Remove small stones or damaged beans.
- 2. <u>Soak</u> (Optional but Recommended): **Quick Soak:** Boil beans for 2 minutes. Turn off heat, cover, and let sit for 1 hour. **Overnight Soak:** Cover beans with water and soak 8-12 hours.
- <u>3. Cooking:</u> Drain soaking water. Add beans to a pot with fresh water (3 cups water per 1 cup beans). Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer:

Black Beans: 1 to 1.5 hours Chickpeas: 1.5 to 2 hours

\*Add salt after cooking to keep beans tender.

#### **NUTRITION FACTS & TIPS**

½ cup (serving)	Black Beans	Chickpeas
Protein	7 g	7 g
Fiber	7.5 g	6 g
Iron	10% Daily Value	13% Daily Value
Folate	32% Daily Value	35% Daily Value

## **Cooking Tips!**

- Flavor: Add garlic, onion, or bay leaves while cooking beans!
- Bonus: cooked beans freeze well, store in containers for future meals!