Fried Wontons (Yields about 45)

1 green onion

2 paper-thin slices peeled ginger

Seasoning sauce:

1 teaspoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon dry sherry

1 tablespoon water

1 teaspoon sesame oil

1 tablespoon cooking oil

1/2 pound lean ground pork - Ground turkey works too

1 package (12 ounces) frozen wonton wrappers, thawed

4 cups oil for deep-frying

Sweet & sour sauce:

2 tablespoons sugar

3 tablespoons white vinegar

3 tablespoons plum sauce

2 tablespoons ketchup

To Make the Filling:

- 1. Chop green onion and mince ginger.
- 2. Combine seasoning sauce ingredients in a bowl.
- 3. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a wok over high heat. Add green onion and ginger, then pork. Stir-fry until the pork loses its red color. Remove excess fat, if any. Add seasoning sauce to wok, stirring constantly until thickened. Remove to a dish.

To Assemble: Have the wrappers, the filling, and a small bowl of water within easy reach.

- 1. Put about 1 teaspoon of filling in the center of each wrapper.
- 2. Fold the wrapper away from you, forming 2 overlapping triangles.
- 3. Flip the upper points of triangles toward you.
- 4. Bring the left and right corners together to create a groove around the mound of the filling. With your fingertip, moisten one corner with water and place the other corner on top, pinching together firmly.

To fry:

- 1. Heat 4 cups of oil in a wok to 375 degrees F. Add about 15 wontons to the hot oil Fry until golden brown. Remove with a strainer. Drain on paper towels.
- 2. Repeat with the remaining wontons. Serve with sweet and sour sauce.

Stir-Fried Shrimp with Snow Peas & Mushrooms (Serves 2 to 4)

1 pound large shrimp 1/4 pound snow peas 8 ounces straw mushrooms Seasoning sauce:

- 1 teaspoon cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 teaspoon chili garlic sauce
- 1 tablespoon oyster sauce
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

3 tablespoons oil

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon chopped garlic

½ tablespoon shredded ginger

2 green onions, cut into 1 inch pieces diagonally

- 1. Shell, devein, rinse, and drain the shrimp.
- 2. Wash snow peas. Remove the tips and strings on both sides. Drain and rinse straw mushrooms.
- 3. Combine seasoning sauce ingredients in a small bowl.
- Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a wok over high heat. Add snow peas, mushrooms, and salt. Stirfry for 2 to 3 minutes. Remove to a plate.
- 5. Wipe wok with paper towels. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in the wok, when hot, add garlic, ginger, and shrimp. Stir -fry for 1 to 2 minutes or until the shrimp turn pink. Add green onion.
- 6. Return vegetables to the wok. Pour in sauce. Stir until thickened. Remove and serve.

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Chicken Fried-Rice (Serves 6 to 8)

½ pound chicken breast, skinless and boneless Marinade for chicken:

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 tablespoon dry sherry

4 tablespoons cooking oil

1 tablespoon chopped garlic

2 green onions, chopped

2 eggs, beaten

4 cups cooked rice, room temperature

1 cup diced red bell pepper

2 cups diced asparagus, blanched

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1 teaspoon dark soy sauce

Pepper to taste

- 1. Cut chicken into 1/4 inch strips, and then cut the strips into 1/4 inch dice. Add marinade ingredients to chicken. Mix well. Let stand for 15 minutes.
- 2. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a wok over high heat. When hot, add garlic and chicken. Stir-fry for 1 to 2 minutes. Remove to a plate.
- 3. Rinse and dry the wok. Add 2 tablespoons oil. Add green onions and eggs. Stir for 20 seconds. Add rice and stir for 2 minutes.
- 4. Return chicken, vegetables to the wok. Stir-fry for 1 minute. Add 1 tablespoons soy sauce and 1 teaspoon dark soy sauce. Pepper to taste.

Szechwan Green Beans (Serves 4)

1 pound tender green beans Seasoning sauce:

1/2 teaspoon cornstarch

3 tablespoons water

1 teaspoon dark soy sauce

1 tablespoon oyster sauce

1 teaspoon Szechwan chili sauce

4 cups cooking oil

1 teaspoon minced ginger

1 tablespoon chopped garlic

1/4 pound lean ground pork

1 tablespoon black bean garlic sauce

2 green onions, chopped

To Prepare Ahead:

- 1. Remove ends from green beans. Rinse, drain and dry with paper towels.
- 2. Mix seasoning ingredients together in a small bowl.

To Cook:

- 1. Heat 4 cups oil in a wok over high heat to 375 degrees F. Deep fry half of the green beans for 2 to 3 minutes or until they are wrinkled. Remove with a strainer to a dish lined with paper towels. Do the other half the same way.
- Remove the hot oil to a heat-proof container. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in the same wok over high heat. Add minced ginger, chopped garlic, and ground pork. Stir fry for 1 minute. Mix in black bean garlic sauce.
- 3. Add green beans and seasoning sauce to the wok. Stir until liquid is gone. Add green onions. Mix and serve.