

Eggplant with Prosciutto and Fontina

Serves 8

Ingredients:

4 Mission® 6" Yellow Corn Tortillas (10503), cut into

1/2" strips

1/2 tsp. Salt to taste

1/2 tsp. Paprika

2 lbs. Eggplants , peeled, cut crosswise into twelve 1/2"

slices

1/2 cup Butter, melted

2 Tbsp. Olive Oil

1 Tbsp. Lemon Juice

2 cloves Garlic

1/2 tsp. freshly ground Pepper

1/2 tsp. Salt to taste

4 oz. thinly sliced Prosciutto

1 1/2 lbs. Italian Fontina Cheese, cut into thin slices

2 cups Canola or Vegetable Oil , for deep frying

Directions:

- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
- 2. In a small saucepan, heat two cups of oil to 380 degrees F. Deep fry tortilla strips in small batches until golden. Transfer to a paper towel and drain. Sprinkle with salt and paprika immediately.
- 3. Spray a baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. In a blender place the butter, olive oil, lemon juice, garlic cloves, pepper and salt. Combine until garlic is thoroughly puréed and liquid is emulsified, about 30 seconds.
- 4. Place eggplant in a bowl. Pour butter mixture over eggplant, tossing, thoroughly. Let eggplant sit for 10 minutes to soak up mixture. Place eggplant in a single layer on the prepared baking pan.
- 5. Completely cover each slice with a single layer of prosciutto. Top with a layer of fontina cheese. Bake for 15 minutes or until the eggplant can be pierced easily with a knife and cheese is melted.
- 6. Arrange on a serving platter. Garnish with deep-fried, seasoned corn tortilla strips. Serve as side dish or appetizer.