

Grilled Chicken & Strawberry Salad with Sweet Onion-Poppy Seed Dressing

Prep: 10 minutes plus marinating Grill: 10 minutes • Serves: 6

- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1¼ cups prepared poppy seed dressing or Sweet Onion-Poppy Seed Dressing (recipe at right)
- 1 bag (10 ounces) chopped romaine lettuce (about 8 cups)
- 1 bag (8 ounces) baby spinach (about 8 cups)
- 1 package (16 ounces) fresh strawberries, quartered (about 3 cups)
- 2 small avocados, peeled, pitted and chopped (about 1½ cups)
- 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

1. Place chicken in large zip-top plastic bag; add ½ cup dressing. Seal bag, pressing out excess air; refrigerate at least 1 hour or up to 4 hours to marinate.

2. Meanwhile, prepare grill for direct grilling over medium heat. Remove chicken from marinade; discard marinade. Place chicken on hot grill rack; cook 10 to 12 minutes or until chicken loses its pink color throughout and reaches an internal temperature of 165°, turning once halfway through cooking. Remove chicken from grill; cover loosely with aluminum foil and let stand 10 minutes; slice.

 In large serving bowl, toss lettuce and spinach; top with strawberries, avocados and onion.
Sprinkle with almonds and drizzle with remaining ¾ cup dressing. Serve with chicken.

Approximate nutritional values per serving: 534 Calories, 34g Fat (5g Saturated), 85mg Cholesterol, 511mg Sodium, 28g Carbohydrates, 7g Fiber, 30g Protein

Sweet Onion-Poppy Seed Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds
- 1 small onion, finely diced (about ³/₄ cup)
- ¹/₂ cup Champagne, white wine or rice vinegar
- ¹∕₃ cup granulated sugar
- ³⁄₄ cup mayonnaise
- ¹⁄₄ cup olive oil
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

In medium saucepot, toast poppy seeds over medium heat 2 to 3 minutes or until seeds begin to pop and become fragrant, swirling pan frequently. Add onion, vinegar and sugar; cook 4 to 5 minutes or until onion is soft. Transfer mixture to blender; add remaining ingredients and blend until smooth. Refrigerate until ready to use. Makes about 2¼ cups.