# Apples

## **Benefits of apples:**

- High in fiber
- High in Vitamin C and potassium
- High in antioxidants to prevent heart disease and some cancers

# When are they in season?

It is harvested in the Midwest from mid-July through mid-October.

# **Food Safety for Apples**

**Wash** apples with running water. Cut out damaged or bruised areas.

**Store** apples in the refrigerator.

**Separate** apples from meat. Use different cutting boards for meats and fruits.

Did you know... After an apple tree is planted it takes 2-3 years before apples are produced.



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# Peanut Butter Apple Dip: Serves 5

A great nutritious snack loaded with protein.

#### **Ingredients**

- 2 medium apples
- ½ cup vanilla Greek yogurt
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons honey

#### **Directions**

- 1. Slice apples & remove core
- Mix yogurt, peanut butter, and honey in a small bowl. Store in refrigerator up to 5 days.

**Ideas:** You can use any vanilla yogurt. Instead of honey, use maple syrup or sugar.



### Other Ideas:

- Applesauce
- Apple pie
- Apple cobbler
- Add apples to salad