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This June, celebrate National Dairy Month with your favorite dairy treat. National Dairy Month acts as a reminder of the health benefits that dairy products provide. They contain essential nutrients — including calcium, potassium, vitamin D, and protein. They also reduce the risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and certain cancers, while helping us to better manage our weight. Kick start each day with nutrient-rich dairy products and start your summer on a healthy note.

Dairy products contribute to our health in numerous ways. An 8-ounce glass of milk has more nutrients than the same serving size of juice. It's packed with protein, too. And cheese is

udderly delicious!

## **Cheese and Spinach Strata**



1 Tbsp Margarine; 1 can spinach, drained; 3 cups milk; ½ c egg mix; 1 tsp garlic powder; 1 tsp paprika; 1/2 tsp. black pepper; 1/2 tsp oregano 6 slices whole wheat bread, torn into 1-inch pieces; 2 cups shredded cheese

SPRAY an 11-x7-inch baking dish with cooking spray; set aside. MELT margarine in a medium skillet over medium heat, SAUTE onions until soft and lightly browned. REMOVE from heat and let cool. DRAIN spinach well; In a medium mixing bowl, WHISK together egg mix, milk, and seasonings. PLACE half the bread evenly in prepared baking dish, layer spinach, onions and half the cheese. REPEAT the layers with remaining bread, vegetables and cheese. POUR seasoned milk and egg mixture over bread. COVER with aluminum foil and press down slightly to help milk mixture soak into the bread. REFRIGERATE for at least one hour or overnight. When ready to bake, PREHEAT oven to 350°. BAKE, uncovered, 50-60 minutes or until cheese is bubbly and a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

