Black Bean Burgers

Yield: 4 servings Serving size: 1 burger

Ingredients:

- 1 (15.5 ounce) can low-sodium black beans, rinsed and well-drained
- 1 large egg
- ½ cup cooked brown rice
- 2 green onions, green and white parts minced (about 1/4 cup)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and minced
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano or basil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 4 whole-wheat buns

Directions:

- 1. Add beans to a bowl and mash with a fork until chunky. Add the egg and mix well.
- Add cooked rice, green onions, cilantro, garlic, oregano, salt, and pepper, and mix until well combined.
- 3. Divide the mixture into 4 portions and form each portion into a patty about ³/₄ to 1 inch thick. (If mixture is not thick enough to make patties, stir in 1 tablespoon flour.)
- 4. Place a large skillet on the stove on high heat. When the skillet is hot, add oil. Add burgers and cook 4 to 5 minutes per side until browned on both sides and heated throughout. Place on a whole-wheat bun.
- 5. Serve with your favorite toppings, such as lettuce, tomato, and low-fat cheese.

Nutrition Information per Serving:

Calories 253, Fat 5g, Protein 12g, Fiber 10g, Sodium 483mg, Carbohydrate 43g

Recipe from: USDA Mixing Bowl

