## **Rotelle Ricotta Bake**

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## Servings: 8

1 package (16 ounce) rotelle 1 package (6 ounce) sliced part-skim mozzarella cheese 1 package (10 ounce) frozen chopped spinach, thawed 3 eggs 1 container (15-1/2 ounce) part-skim ricotta cheese 1 jar (14 ounce) marinara sauce 2/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese 1 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon ground blck pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain. Set aside.

Butter a 13x9-inch pan. Set aside.

Cut the mozzarella in 3/4-inch strips. Set aside.

In a colande, place the spinach. Using a wooden spoon, press out as much liquid as possible.

In a large bowl, lightly beat the eggs. Stir in the ricotta cheese, marinara sauce, Parmesan cheese, salt, pepper, and half of the mozzarella. Spoon into the prepared pan. Cover with foil.

Bake until hot, about 15 minutes. Remove the foil. Arrange the remaining mozzarella strips diagonally in rows over the pasta about 1-1/2-inches apart.

Bake until the cheese melts, about 5 to 10 minutes.

This recipe can be prepared up to one day in advance ahead of time. Just cover with foil and refrigerate until about one hour before serving. Increase the baking time to 30 minutes.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 158 Calories; 7g Fat (40.7% calories from fat); 12g Protein; 12g Carbohydrate; 2g Dietary Fiber; 94mg Cholesterol; 625mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1/2 Grain(Starch); 1 Lean Meat; 1/2 Vegetable; 1/2 Fat.