Spaghetti and Meatball Casserole

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olive oil spray 1/2 pound (8 ounces) wholewheat spaghetti noodles 2 cloves garlic, chopped 2 tablespoons olive oil 1 ounce Parmigiana-Reggiano cheese, grated 1/3 cup low-fat cottage cheese 2 1/2 cups crushed tomatoes 1 bay leaf 1 cup basil leaves 6 ounces ground beef 1 tablespoon skim milk 1/4 red onion, chopped

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In an eleven-cup casserole dish, spray olive oil.

Cook the spaghetti according to package directions. Drain and rinse.

In a blender, combine the garlic, basil, oil and cheese. Pulse until well blended. Remove one tablespoon of the mixture and reserve. Add the cottage cheese. Process until smooth.

In a bowl, add the beef, some wheat germ, milk and basil mixture. Shape the mixture into meatballs.

In a saucepan, cook the meatballs. Add the tomatoes and cook until browned.

Place everything in a casserole dish. Bake until bubbly.

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 995 Calories; 74g Fat (64.6% calories from fat); 40g Protein; 51g Carbohydrate; 13g Dietary Fiber; 145mg Cholesterol; 932mg Sodium. Exchanges: 4 Lean Meat; 9 1/2 Vegetable; 0 Non-Fat Milk; 12 Fat.