# **Belgian Endive**

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Belgian Endive fights cataract and prevents Alzheimer's

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Belgian Endive

## DID YOU KNOW?

Belgian endive is a white-leafed vegetable belonging to the daisy family. Often prepared raw in salads, Belgian endive is very versatile and can also be grilled, steamed, boiled, and baked.

It has a somewhat tangy and bitter taste and it is said the whiter the leaf is, the less bitter it will taste. It is somewhat labor-intensive to grow and is either grown indoors or underground in the absence of sunlight with only the tips of the leaves above the soil.

#### **KITCHEN PHARMACY**

- Belgian endive is a tremendous source of fiber as well as folate which helps prevent birth defects.
- It promotes good vision and fights cataracts and is even believed to help prevent Alzheimer's disease and prostate cancer.
- It is also seen as a tremendous boost to the immune system.

