

## Red Lear

I'm Lamar Lettuce and I am in the Red Leaf circle. As my name suggests, I have large, open leaves and my color is a reddishpurple. The most popular lettuce varieties grow in tight balls called "heads." Some of my cousins grow in water, that's called hydroponics. My close lettuce relatives include romaine, green and butter. We are harvested by cutting the short stem underneath our leafy mass. We are fat-free and offer more nutrients than green lettuce, like more of vitamins A and K. also add flavor, texture and nutrition to many different recipes.

## FUR FACT Did you know lettuce

is a member of the sunflower family?



- North Texas
  East Texas
  Central Texas
  Trans Pecos
  - 6. Winter Garden

1. The High Plains

- 7. Coastal Blend
- 8. Rio Grande Valley



One of the world's most popular salad vegetables, lettuce comes in many shapes, sizes and colors. It is usually served cold and fresh although some cultures will cook or steam lettuce. £{}

Find your way to the red leaf lettuce

Joke of the MONTH

Knock Knock! Who's there?

Lettuce.

Lettuce who?

Lettuce in, we're freezing.





## INGREDIENTS

1 apple (such as Fuji or Pink Lady Washington) • 1 can 12-oz chunk light tuna (drained) • 2 tablespoons low-fat plain yogurt • 2 tablespoons reducedfat mayonnaise • ½ cup raisins (or chopped figs) • ¼ cup chopped walnuts • ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper • 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (optional) • ½ teaspoon curry powder (optional) • 8 leaves lettuce (Bibb, Romaine, green, or red leaf) • 8 slices whole-grain bread

## PREPARATION

1. Cut apple in quarters; remove core and chop. 2. In a medium-sized bowl, mix all salad ingredients, except tuna. 3. Gently fold in tuna. 4. Make sandwiches, using lettuce and wholegrain bread (toasted, if desired), and fill with tuna apple salad.

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