

Use organic ingredients whenever possible.

## Garlicky Chicken Stew

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Serves: 4

4 boneless, skinless chicken thighs

3-1/2 c. chicken broth (Look for one without MSG)

2 c. plum tomatoes, chopped

1 c. green pepper, chopped

1 c. onion, chopped

1/2 c. long-cooking rice, uncooked (brown rice or wild rice work well)

1/2 c. garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed (aka: chickpeas)

3 cloves garlic, chopped

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp pepper

1 bay leaf

garnish: shredded Monterey Jack cheese, diced avocado

Comgine all ingredients except cheese and avocado in a slow cooker. Cover; cook on low setting for 7 to 9 hours, until chicken and rice are tender. Remove and discard bay leaf. To serve, place a chicken thigh in each soup bowl; top with soup and garnish as desired.