## Slow Cooker Lemon Chicken and Rice

## Ingredients

2 lbs boneless skinless Food Club chicken breasts1 cup long grain white rice 2 cups chicken broth 4 cloves garlic, minced Zest of 1 lemon Juice of 1 lemon, divided 1 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper 1 tablespoon olive oil

## **Directions**

- 1. Grease a large (5 or 6-quart) slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray.
- 2. Add rice, chicken broth, minced garlic, lemon zest, juice of  $\frac{1}{2}$  the lemon, salt and pepper to the slow cooker and stir until combined.
- 3. Preheat a skillet over medium high heat and add olive oil. Sprinkle chicken with additional salt and pepper and brown in skillet on both sides, about 4-5 minutes on each side.
- 4. Place browned chicken breasts in slow cooker on top of rice mixture.
- 5. Cover and cook on high for 2 hours, or until chicken is cooked through and rice is al dente. Check chicken after 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours for doneness and remove from slow cooker early if necessary. Chicken is done with no longer pink in the middle and an instant read thermometer reads 1659F
- 6. When rice and chicken are done, drizzle with juice from remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  lemon and fluff rice with a fork. Serve immediately.

Note: Browning chicken before cooking in the slow cooker improves flavor and gives the chicken a nice golden color, but this step can be skipped if desired.

