Scallion Facts

• Scallions, also known as green onions, spring onions and salad onions, are vegetables of various *Alium* onion species.

• A scallion is made up of a white base that has not fully developed into a bulb and long green stalks that resemble chives.

• Scallions have a milder taste than most onions.

• They can be cooked or used raw in salads, salsas and man Asian, Southeast Asian and Latin recipes.

• The white part of a scallion has more flavor than the green part.

• The defining characteristic of scallions is that they lack a fully developed bulb.

• Scallions are buried underground so that a portion of the stalk under the soil remains white.

• During the Passover meal (Seder), Persian Jews whack each other with scallions before singing the song *Dayenu*, symbolizing the whips endured by the Israelites under the ancient Egyptians.

• Although sold all year long, scallions are at their peak in the spring and summer months.