## Cloud Eggs with Asiago Cheese \& Chives

If you are tired of ho hum eggs for breakfast, this recipe is for you. Cloud eggs come together in just a few minutes and they taste wonderful. Reach for this recipe whenever you have overnight guests or when you simply want to jazz up your weekend brunch menu.

Prep time: 10-15 minutes
Cooking time: approximately 6 minutes
Serves 4

## Ingredients

4 large eggs
3 oz. Asiago cheese, finely grated, divided
3 T. fresh chives, finely chopped, divided
Salt and black pepper, to taste

## Directions:

1. Position oven rack to center position. Preheat oven to $220^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / 450^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ and line a large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
2. Crack and separate eggs, placing the whites in a large mixing bowl and reserving the yolks in another bowl.* Season egg whites with salt and pepper, to taste. *For best results, reserve the egg yolks in small, individual dishes rather than in one larger bowl.
3. Using a hand mixer or immersion blender, beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Scrape the sides of the bowl with a spatula while blending to incorporate all of the egg white.
4. Gently fold in $2 / 3$ of the Asiago cheese and chives into the bowl, being careful not to deflate the egg whites in
the process. Spoon the whipped egg white mixture onto the prepared baking sheet into four piles, leaving plenty of room between each mound. With the back of a spoon, create an indent in the center of each mound and place baking sheet on center rack in preheated oven and bake for 3 minutes.
5. After 3 minutes, remove from oven and transfer reserved yolks into the indent of each mount. Sprinkle each mound with half of the remaining cheese and fresh chives and return to oven and bake another 3 minutes or until yolks are set and egg whites are golden brown.
6. Remove egg clouds from oven and sprinkle with remaining cheese and chives and serve immediately.
