Lemon Chicken and Tofu Orzo Soup

3 tablespoons soybean oil

1 medium onion, diced

3 carrots, ¼ inch thick slices

3 stalks celery, chopped

3 teaspoons chopped garlic

I cup orzo

8 cups chicken broth

2 cups shredded cooked chicken

4 tablespoons lemon juice

½ cup whole milk

34 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

1 -12.3 ounce box silken firm tofu, cut into bite size cubes

Salt and Pepper to taste

In a 6-quart Dutch oven or saucepan, add oil; heat. Add onion, carrots and celery. Sauté for 6 or 7 minutes until softened. Add garlic, stir to combine and heat. Add orzo; stir to mix. Add broth; mix thoroughly. Cook 10 minutes or until orzo is cooked and plumped. Add chicken, lemon juice, milk and cheese; stir to combine. Simmer until desired thickness. Add tofu; stir to combine. Heat.

Yield: 6 to 7 servings

For a vegetarian soup, omit chicken and use vegetable broth.