"Bei uns ist immer etwas los!"

DEUTSCHE FEIERTAGE, FESTE, UND MESSEN

DER ERSTE TAG SOMMERS / FIRST DAY OF SUMMER (occurs between 20th and 23rd Juni)

WHAT GERMANS EAT IN THE SUMMER

One potato option among many: 'Kartoffelsalat'



If the German word for potato, "Kartoffel," had been simpler, it could've well become the term soldiers used to describe Germans, too. There are probably as many potato salad recipes as families in Germany - and many people will strictly follow their mother's for the rest of their life. Instead of mayonnaise, some traditional recipes combine broth, vinegar and oil for dressing.

Another potato dish: 'Pellkartoffel mit Quark'



In the summer heat, no one feels like cooking an elaborate meal. That's why Germans came up with this favorite, based once again on the potato. To save work, "Pellkartoffeln" are potatoes boiled in the skins, removed by each diner before eating. They're served with "Quark" - a creamy dairy product similar to yogurt - that's combined with fresh herbs, salt and pepper. Simple, but addictive.