Baked Potato Soup

**POINTS® Value:** 5  
**Servings:** 6  
**Preparation Time:** 15 min  
**Cooking Time:** 70 min  
**Level of Difficulty:** Moderate

This satisfying soup replicates the great flavor of a baked potato topped with the works—except we've used healthier toppings like turkey bacon and reduced-fat versions of sour cream and cheese.

**Ingredients**

- 1 bulb(s) garlic clove(s), large, 1/4-inch-slice cut off top
- 3 pound(s) potato(es), rinsed, pierced with a fork (about 6 large baking potatoes)
- 6 slice(s) uncooked turkey bacon
- 4 cup(s) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 1/2 Tbsp thyme, fresh, chopped
- 1/2 tsp table salt
- 1/4 tsp black pepper, freshly ground
- 6 Tbsp reduced-fat sour cream
- 6 Tbsp low-fat shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 Tbsp scallion(s), sliced

**Instructions**
- Preheat oven to 400°F. Wrap entire garlic bulb tightly in foil; place garlic and potatoes in oven. (You do not need to put them on a pan; they can go right on an oven rack.)

- Bake garlic until soft when squeezed, about 45 minutes; remove from oven and let cool. Continue baking potatoes until tender when pierced, about 15 minutes more; let potatoes stand until cool enough to handle.

- Meanwhile, cook bacon in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until browned, about 6 minutes. Place bacon on paper towels to drain off any fat; chop bacon.

- Unwrap garlic and squeeze pulp from bulb with hands into a large saucepan. Peel potatoes and add to saucepan; mash with a potato masher until smooth. Gradually stir in broth, thyme, salt and pepper until blended; place saucepan over medium heat and cook until hot, stirring occasionally, about 5 to 10 minutes.

- Spoon about 1 1/3 cups of soup into each of 6 soup bowls. Top each with 1 tablespoon of sour cream, 1 tablespoon of cheese, 1 rounded tablespoon of bacon and 1 tablespoon of scallions. Grind fresh pepper over top.