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matters and can help you be healthier now and in the future.

| Focus on |
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| whole fruits. |
| Vary your |
| veggies. |

fat-free milk or
yogurt.
whale grains.

| Fruits | Vegetables | Grains | Dairy | Protein |
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| Focus on whole fruits and select 100\% fruit juice when choosing juices. <br> Buy fruits that are dried, frozen, canned, or fresh, so that you can always have a supply on hand. | Eat a variety of vegetables and add them to mixed dishes like casseroles, sandwiches, and wraps. <br> Fresh, frozen, and canned count, too. Look for "reduced sodium" or "no-salt-added" on the label. | Choose whole-grain versions of common foods such as bread, pasta, and tortillas. <br> Not sure if it's whole grain? Check the ingredients list for the words "whole" or "whole grain." | Choose low-fat (1\%) or fat-free (skim) dairy. Get the same amount of calcium and other nutrients as whole milk, but with less saturated fat and calories. <br> Lactose intolerant? Try lactose-free milk or a fortified soy beverage. | Eat a variety of protein foods such as beans, soy, seafood, lean meats, poultry, and unsalted nuts and seeds. <br> Select seafood twice a week. Choose lean cuts of meat and ground beef that is at least 93\% lean. |
| Daily Food Group Targets - Based on a 2,000 Calorie Plan Visit SuperTracker.usda.gov for a personalized plan. |  |  |  |  |
| 2 cups 1 cup counts as: 1 large banana 1 cup mandarin oranges 1 1/2 cup raisins 1 cup $100 \%$ grapefruit juice | 2½ cups <br> 1 cup counts as: <br> 2 cups raw spinach 1 large bell pepper 1 cup baby carrots 1 cup green peas 1 cup mushrooms | 6 ounces <br> 1 ounce counts as: <br> 1 slice of bread <br> $1 / 2$ cup cooked oatmeal <br> 1 small tortilla <br> $1 / 2$ cup cooked brown rice $1 / 2$ cup cooked grits | 3 cups 1 cup counts as: 1 cup milk 1 cup yogurt 2 ounces processed cheese | 5½ ounces <br> 1 ounce counts as: <br> 1 ounce tuna fish $1 / 4$ cup cooked beans 1 Tbsp peanut butter 1 egg |
| Drink water instead of sugary drinks. <br> Regular soda, energy or sports drinks, and other sweet drinks usually contain a lot of added sugar, which provides more calories than needed. |  |  | Don't forget physical activity! <br> Being active can help you prevent disease and manage your weight. <br> Kids $\geq 60 \mathrm{~min} /$ day $\quad$ Adults $\geq 150 \mathrm{~min} /$ week |  |
| MyPlate, MyWins <br> Healthy Eating Solutions for Everyday Life ChooseMyPlate.gov/MyWins |  |  | Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion <br> May 2016 <br> CNPP-29 <br> ual opportunity provider, employer, and lender. |  |



## Understanding and Using the Nutrition Facts Label

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has finalized a new Nutrition Facts label for packaged foods and beverages that will make it easier for you to make informed food choices that support a healthy diet.
Explore it today and discover the wealth of information it contains!


## Servings Per Container

Servings per container shows the total number of servings in the entire food package or container. One package of food may contain more than one serving. Some containers may also have a dual column label, which shows the amount of calories and nutrients in one serving and the entire package.

## Serving Size

Serving size is based on the amount of food that is customarily eaten at one time. The nutrition information listed on the Nutrition Facts label is usually based on one serving of the food; however, some containers may also have information displayed per package. When comparing calories and nutrients in different foods, check the serving size in order to make an accurate comparison.

## Calories

Calories refers to the total number of calories, or "energy," supplied from all sources (fat, carbohydrate, protein, and alcohol) in one serving of the food. To achieve or maintain a healthy weight, balance the number of calories you consume with the number of calories your body uses. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice. However, your calorie needs may be higher or lower and vary according to age, gender, height, weight, and physical activity level. Check your calorie needs at http://www.choosemyplate.gov.

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As a general rule:
100 calories per serving is moderate
4 0 0 \text { calories per serving is high}
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## Percent Daily Value

The percent Daily Value (\%DV) shows how much a nutrient in one serving of the food contributes to a total daily diet. Use the \%DV to determine if a serving of the food is high or low in an individual nutrient and to compare food products (check to make sure the serving size is the same).
As a general rule:
$\mathbf{5 \%}$ DV or less of a nutrient per serving is low
$\mathbf{2 0 \%}$ DV or more of a nutrient per serving is high

## Nutrients

The Nutrition Facts label can help you learn about and compare the nutrient content of many foods in your diet. Use it to choose products that are lower in nutrients you want to get less of and higher in nutrients you want to get more of.
Nutrients to get less of: saturated fat, trans fat, sodium, and added sugars. Diets higher in these nutrients can increase the risk of developing high blood pressure and/or cardiovascular disease. Get less than $\mathbf{1 0 0 \%}$ DV of these each day. (Note: trans fat has no \%DV, so use the amount of grams as a guide)

Nutrients to get more of: dietary fiber, vitamin D, calcium, iron, and potassium. Most Americans do not get the recommended amount of these nutrients, and diets higher in these nutrients can decrease the risk of developing diseases, such as high blood pressure, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, and anemia. Get 100\% DV of these on most days.

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# Eating better on a budget 

Get the most for your budget! There are many ways to save money on the foods that you eat. The three main steps are planning before you shop, purchasing the items at the best price, and preparing meals that stretch your food dollars.

1Plan, plan, plan! Before you head to the grocery store, plan your meals for the week. Include meals like stews, casseroles, or soups, which "stretch" expensive items into more portions. Check to see what foods you already have and make a list for what you need to buy.

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## Get the best price

Check the local newspaper, online, and at the store for sales and coupons. Ask about a loyalty card for extra savings at stores where you shop. Look for specials or sales on meat and seafood-often the most expensive items on your list.

3Compare and contrast Locate the "Unit Price" on the shelf directly below the product. Use it to compare different brands and different sizes of the same brand to determine which is the best buy.

4Buy in bulk It is almost always cheaper to buy foods in bulk. Smart choices are large containers of low-fat yogurt and large bags of frozen vegetables. Before you shop, remember to check if you have enough freezer space.

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## Buy in season

Buying fruits and vegetables in season can lower the cost and add to the freshness! If you are not going to use them all right away, buy some that still need time to ripen.

6Convenience costs... go back to the basics Convenience foods like frozen dinners, pre-cut fruits and vegetables, and take-out meals can often cost more than if you were to make them at home. Take the time to prepare your own-and save!

7Easy on your wallet Certain foods are typically low-cost options all year round. Try beans for a less expensive protein food. For vegetables, buy cabbage, sweet potatoes, or low-sodium canned tomatoes. As for fruits, apples and bananas are good choices.

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## Cook once...eat all week!

Prepare a large batch of favorite recipes on your day off (double or triple the recipe). Freeze in individual containers. Use them throughout the week and you won't have to spend money on take-out meals.

9Get creative with leftovers
Spice up your leftovers-use them in new ways.
For example, try leftover chicken in a stir-fry, over a garden salad, or in chili. Remember, throwing away food is throwing away your money!

10Eating out
Restaurants can be expensive. Save money by getting the early bird special, going out for lunch instead of dinner, or looking for "2 for 1" deals. Ask for water instead of ordering other beverages, which add to the bill.

Go to ChooseMyPlate.gov
for more information.

## FIND SOMEONE WHO

| Checks store flyers to find the best deals | Goes for a walk on most days | Chooses whole grains | Has tried yoga |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Uses fat-free or lowfat milk and dairy products | Uses coupons to save money on groceries | Skips soda and other sugarsweetened drinks | Reads the Nutrition Facts label |
| Made half their plate fruit and vegetables today | Feels good after exercising | Uses herbs and spices to flavor their meals | Drinks 8+ glasses of water per day |
| Cooks at home on most days | Buys in bulk | Has a home garden | Makes a shopping list |
| Exercises with friends or family | Goes to a farmer's market | Looks for lowsodium or no salt added canned beans and vegetables | Chooses a variety of colorful fruits and vegetables |

