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## Food Reference Guide

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## Using Your Food Reference Guide

This is a guide to help you find healthy foods. Foods are sorted into the colors GREEN, YELLOW, and RED.This is like the colors on a stoplight.

Foods are sorted into colors based on how healthy they are.

- GREEN foods are the best choice. They are very healthy. They have lots of fiber, vitamins and minerals. They are also lowest in calories and fat (less than 2 grams of fat per serving).
- YELLOW foods are the next best choice. They are healthy choices too. But YELLOW foods have more calories and fat (2-5 grams of fat). Some foods are YELLOW just because they are high in carbohydrates.
- RED foods are not good choices. They are not very healthy. RED foods are very high in calories, fat (greater than 5 grams of fat per serving) and/or sugar. Also, RED foods don't have much fiber, vitamins or minerals. RED foods are often fried and/or coated in sugar. Try eating mostly GREEN and YELLOW foods.

All foods from the top of the Diabetes Food Guide Pyramid are RED foods. These foods are not healthy. You should choose most of your foods from the other five food groups of the Diabetes Food Pyramid.

Some YELLOW or RED foods have less than 2 grams of fat per serving. Why are they a YELLOW or RED? These foods are high in carbohydrates or sugar. They can raise your blood sugar too high if you eat a lot of these foods. You want to be careful with these foods and that is why they are YELLOW or RED. One example is $100 \%$ orange juice. A half of a cup ( 4 oz ) has 60 calories and no fat, but it is a YELLOW food because orange juice has a lot of carbohydrates. If you drink a lot of orange juice, it can cause your blood sugar to go too high and cause you to gain weight.

Also remember that all the foods in the Fats, Oils, and Sweets group are RED foods. They are very high in fat and/ or high in sugar. So try eating less of these foods. Here is an example. Hard candy is a RED food. Why? It has no fat but has a lot of sugar and is in the Fats, Oils and Sweets group.

The Food Reference Guide also gives you the serving size and calorie number for each food. This will help you know how to portion your food.

You will also find foods that are high in fiber. High fiber foods are really healthy.They are more filling too.Try eating more foods that are high in fiber. Foods high in fiber (greater than 3 grams per serving) are denoted by a symbol.

Free foods have less than 20 calories per serving. They are shown on the Food Reference Guide under their food groups in light purple boxes, and are also listed together at the end of the Food Reference Guide, just after Fats, Oils, and Sweets.

Another way to see if a food is healthy is reading the nutrition label. You can find these on the back of food packages. The serving size on the food label is very important. Try to keep your portions to that serving size. Most people eat more than the serving listed.

LET'S GET STARTED $\qquad$

## Meal Plans

Meal plans give the number of servings required from the basic five food groups in the Diabetes Food Guide Pyramid. These servings meet all nutrient, vitamin, and mineral needs. These servings are given for both healthy children and adults. For weight loss, adults and children should eat or drink the lower number of servings listed for each group.

In order to lower the number of calories eaten, overweight children and adults should mainly choose GREEN and YELLOW foods. These foods tend to be lower in calories and fat.

Here's a handy list of how you can use the Diabetes Food Guide Pyramid to eat healthy and lose weight. To lose weight, you and your child should eat this amount of food every day.

At least $4 \frac{1}{1}$ 2 servings from the Breads, Grains, Beans, and Starchy Vegetable Group

At least 3 servings from the Non-Starchy Vegetable Group

- At least 2 servings from the Fruit Group
- 2 servings from the Meat, Meat Substitutes, Cheese, and Other Proteins Group

At least 2 servings from the Milk Group
Very few servings from the Fats, Oils, \& Sweets Group

At some point, you may feel comfortable with your weight. You may not want to lose anymore. But you may want to continue healthy eating habits and maintain your weight. To maintain your weight and maintain your level of health, you should eat this amount of food every day:

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## Serving Sizes

Eating the correct serving size is important for a healthy diet. Large servings have more calories than the correct size servings. For example, if you ate one hamburger last night for dinner that you thought was 4 ounces of ground beef but was actually 5 ounces; you ate 90 more calories and 6 more grams of fat than you needed. As you know, eating more calories than your body needs over time will not help your body be healthier. Be sure to notice the serving sizes listed in the Food Reference Guide when counting calories.

The best way to find out the amount of food you are going to eat is weighing and measuring. You should use a food scale and measuring tools. However, if you can't do this, do your best to guess the size of the serving you have eaten. Use the suggestions listed below.

## Beverages

In containers with one serving- read the label to see how much fluid it is. Fluid is measured in ounces.
Examples - 1 can of diet coke $=12$ fluid ounces, 1 carton of milk $=1 / 2$ to 1 pint
Served from large container - Pour the beverage into a measuring cup. Then pour it into your cup or glass. If you use the same size cup or glass in your home you only need to do this once. Once you know how much your glasses and cups hold, you can estimate serving size.

## Foods

The best way to control portion size of meat and sliced cheese is to weigh them on a food scale. If you don't have a scale around you can follow the guidelines below.

Packaged meat or cheese - There is often a nutrition label on the package. The weight of one slice will be listed.

Deli meat or cheese - When buying the item, ask the deli clerk to weigh one slice. Ask the clerk to tell you the weight. Or you can count the number of slices in the package. Then divide that number by the total weight of the package. If you can't do either of these, estimate the weight. Sliced meat and cheese weigh between $1 / 2$ ounce and 1 ounce per slice.

Meat - Estimate the number of servings you will get from the package. Divide the number of servings by the weight of the package.

## Measurement Standards

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1 \text { Tablespoon (Tbsp) = 3 teaspoons (tsp)}
1 cup = 8 fluid ounces
1 pound = 16 ounces (dry)
1 cup = 16 Tablespoons (Tbsp)
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## Food Portion Sizes

Below are some of the typical portion sizes that are used in each of the food groups. Each measurement size example is equal to one portion of that type of food.

1 serving size portion =
Breads, Grains, Beans, and Starchy Vegetable Group

- Bread: 1 slice
- Cereal: $3 / 4$ cup
- Beans: $1 / 2$ cup
- Rice and pasta: $1 / 3$ cup


## Fruit Group

- Fresh Fruit: 1 medium size fruit (apple or orange)
- Fruit Juice: $1 / 2$ cup ( 4 oz )


## Non-Starchy Vegetable Group

- Cooked: $1 / 2$ cup
- Raw: 1 cup


## Meat, Meat Substitutes, Cheese, and Other Proteins Group

- Beef or chicken: 3 oz
- Cheese: 1 oz


## Milk Group

- Milk: 1 cup
- Yogurt: 1 cup


## Fats, Oils, and Sweets Group

- Oil: 1 teaspoon (tsp)
- Butter: 1 teaspoon (tsp)
- Chips: 1 ounce (oz)

It is also important to measure the size of servings you eat. It will help you to be healthy. You will learn how much food is needed to be healthy. Start with the serving sizes suggested in this plan. If you feel you need more food, have an extra $1 / 2$ of a serving. Smaller children may need smaller amounts of food more often (i.e., 4-6 small meals per day).

## Here are some handy ways to guess how much food you are eating.

3 ounces of meat, poultry or fish = Size and thickness of a deck of cards

Medium apple or peach = Size of tennis ball
$1 / 2$ cup ice cream = Size of tennis ball or racquetball (about 15 grams of carbs)

1 cup of fruit or yogurt = Size of baseball (about 15 grams of carbs)

1 medium potato = Size of computer mouse (about 15 grams of carbs)

1 cup raw non-starchy vegetables (like broccoli)
= Size of your fist (about 5 grams of carbs)
$1 / 2$ medium bagel = Size of hockey puck (about 15 grams of carbs)

2 tablespoons of peanut
butter = Size of golf ball
1 teaspoon of butter or peanut butter = Size of the tip of your thumb

1 slice of cheese $=$ Size of $3 \times 5$ inch computer disk

1 ounce of cheese= Size of 4 dice or a tube of lipstick


## How to Read the Food Label

## 1) Look at the "Serving Size."

This will tell you how much you should eat.


Try to eat no more than 150 to 200 calories for a snack. Also try to eat no more than 400 calories for an entire meal.

## 3) Look at "Total fat."

This will tell you if the food is healthy or low in fat.Try choosing foods that are less then 2 g of total fat; these are GREEN foods, which are the healthiest choice. Foods that have $2-5 \mathrm{~g}$ of total fat are YELLOW foods, which are the next best choice. Avoid foods that have greater than 5 grams of fat per serving, because these will count as RED foods.


Foods that have greater than 5 g of fat per serving and/or high sugar are RED foods.

Foods that have $2-5 \mathrm{~g}$ of total fat are YELLOW foods.

## Breads, Grains, Beans, \& <br> Starchy Vegetable Group (Starch)

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Animal Crackers | 8 pieces | 90 |
| Bagel, normal sized | 1/4 (1 oz) | 80 |
| Bagel chips | $1 / 3$ cup | 125 |
| Barley, cooked | 1/2 cup | 80 |
| Beans, baked | $1 / 3$ cup | 80 |
| Beans: garbanzo, kidney, pinto, split pea, white, lentils, lima beans | 1/2 cup | 115 |
| Beans, refried | 1/2 cup | 110 |
| Biscuit (21/2" across) | 1 piece | 130 |
| Bread (white, sourdough) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { slice } \\ & \text { (1 oz) } \end{aligned}$ | 80 |
| Bread sticks, crunchy, unbuttered (1 oz) | 4 sticks | 80 |
| Bulgur | 1/2 cup | 76 |
| Bun, Hot dog or hamburger | 1/2 (1 oz) | 80 |
| Cereal, cooked | 1/2 cup | 80 |
| Cereal or Breakfast bar (Nutrigrain, Quaker), <1 g fat | 1 | 110 |
| Cereal or Breakfast Bar with Chocolate | 1 bar | 140 |
| Cereal or Breakfast bars without chocolate coating (i.e., Carnation, Snackwells, Health Valley) | 1 bar | 150 |
| Cereals, frosted, dry (See Appendix A for cereal names) | 1 cup | 160 |
| Cereals, unsweetened, dry | 3/4 cup | 80 |
| Cheese Nip type crackers | 25 pieces | 130 |
| Chex mix | 1/2 cup | 105 |
| Chow mein noodles | 1/2 cup | 120 |
| Corn | 1/2 cup | 65 |
| Corn on the cob (large) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \mathrm{cob} \\ & (5 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | 65 |


| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cornbread (2 oz or 2 inch cube) | 1 slice | 150 |
| Couscous | $1 / 3$ cup | 60 |
| Crackers, butter type (i.e. Ritz, Club, etc.) | 6 pieces | 90 |
| Croissant | 1/2 | 115 |
| Croutons | 1 cup | 125 |
| Cup noodles | $\begin{gathered} 1 \\ \text { container } \end{gathered}$ | 300 |
| English muffin | 1/2 | 70 |
| Fig Newtons | 2 pieces | 110 |
| Fry bread (1 serving) | 3 oz | 280 |
| Goldfish crackers | 43 pieces | 110 |
| Graham crackers ( $21 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ square) | 3 pieces | 90 |
| Granola, low-fat | 1/4 cup | 85 |
| Granola (regular) | 1/4 cup | 125 |
| Granola bar, chewy type | 1 whole <br> bar | 135 |
| Grits | 1/2 cup | 70 |
| Hoagie roll | 1 oz | 80 |
| Hummus (chickpea dip) | 2 tsp | 45 |
| Kasha, cooked | 1/2 cup | 80 |
| Macaroni and cheese | 1/3 cup | 105 |
| Matzo cracker | 3/4 Oz | 80 |
| Melba toast bread | 4 slices | 80 |
| Milk 'n' Cereal bars (Honey Nut Cheerios, Coco Puffs, or Cinnamon Toast Crunch) | 1 bar | 160 |
| Millet, cooked | 1/3 cup | 70 |
| Mixed vegetables (with corn or peas or pasta) | 1 cup | 80 |
| Muesli | 1/4 cup | 75 |

## Breads, Grains, Beans, E <br> Starchy Vegetable Group (Starch)

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Muffin (low fat), any flavor, large | 1 whole (5 oz) | 370 |
| Muffin (low fat), any flavor, small | 1 small (1oz) | 75 |
| Muffin (regular), any flavor, large (top -4" diameter $-3.5^{\prime \prime}$ ) | 1 whole (5 oz) | 450 |
| Muffin (regular), any flavor, small | 1 small (1 oz) | 90 |
| Oatmeal, presweetened, cooked | 1/2 cup | 100 |
| Oats/Oatmeal (cooked)unsweetened | 1/2 cup | 70 |
| Oyster crackers | 20 pieces | 90 |
| Pancake, commercial, homemade or from a restaurant (cooked with fat) (4" diam) | 1 piece | 140 |
| Pancakes, frozen or made without fat or eggs, and cooked without fat (4" diam, $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ thick) | 1 piece | 80 |
| Parsnips | 1/2 cup | 65 |
| Pasta, noodles, or macaroni | 1/3 cup | 60 |
| Peas, green | 1/2 cup | 60 |
| Pita bread 6" across | 1/2 | 80 |
| Plantain | 1/2 cup | 90 |
| Popcorn (popped, no fat added or air popped) | 3 cups | 90 |
| Popcorn, bagged, prepopped or made with oil, butter, or margarine (including microwave) | 3 cups | 110 |
| Popcorn, low-fat | 3 cups | 80 |


| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Popcorn cakes - flavored, (i.e. white cheddar, honey nut, chocolate, etc.) | 2 | 100 |
| Popcorn Cakes, plain or unflavored | 2 | 80 |
| Potato, baked with skin | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 4 \text { large (3 } \\ \text { oz) } \end{gathered}$ | 80 |
| Potato, boiled | $1 / 2 \text { cup }$ <br> or $1 / 2$ medium (3 oz) | 80 |
| Potato, mashed, plain | 1/2 cup | 80 |
| Pretzels | 1 oz | 110 |
| Raisin bread, unfrosted | 1 slice <br> (1 oz) | 80 |
| Ramen noodles | 1/2 package | 190 |
| Ravioli - meat | 1/2 cup | 130 |
| Ravioli and cheese | 1/2 cup | 140 |
| Rice (white, brown *, or wild) | 1/3 cup | 70 |
| Rice, fried | 1/3 cup | 110 |
| Rice cakes - flavored (i.e. white cheddar, honey-nut, chocolate, etc.), 4" across | 2 | 125 |
| Rice cakes (4" across) plain or unflavored | 2 | 70 |
| Rice-A-Roni or prepackaged flavored rice (with cream or cheese sauce) | 1/3 cup | 150 |
| Rice-A-Roni, Uncle Ben's, other pre-packaged flavored rice with no cream or cheese sauce | 1/3 cup | 130 |
| Roll, plain, small | 1 piece (1 oz) | 85 |

## Breads, Grains, Beans, \& Starchy Vegetable Group (Starch)

| Food |
| :--- |
| Serving Size Calories  <br> Rye Crisp 2 pieces 75 <br> Saltine crackers 6 pieces 80 <br> Sandwich crackers (cheese <br> or peanut butter filled) 3 pieces 100 <br> Squash, winter (acorn, <br> butternut) 1 cup 80 <br> Stuffing (bread), prepared $1 / 3$ cup 120 <br> Taco shell, hard, 6" across 1 shell 60 <br> Tortellini (meat or cheese) $1 / 2$ cup 150 <br> Tortilla, soft (corn) 6" <br> across 1 piece 50 <br> Tortilla, soft (flour) 6" <br> across 1 piece 100 <br> Triscuits 5 pieces 100 <br> Vanilla wafers 5 pieces 80 <br> Vegetable Thins 10 pieces 120 <br> Waffle (4" square), <br> commercial, homemade <br> or from a restaurant <br> (prepared or made with <br> fat) 1 piece 125 <br> Waffle, 4" square, from <br> frozen, reduced fat (<1 g <br> fat) 1 piece 80 <br> Wheat germ 3 Tbsp 80 <br> Wheat Thins 2 pieces 115 <br> Yam, sweet potato, plain $1 / 2$ cup 80 <br> Zwieback crackers 70  |

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5 g of fat per serving and/or
high sugar are RED foods.
Foods that have $2-5 \mathrm{~g}$ of total fat are YELLOW foods.

Foods that are less then $2 g$ of total fat are GREEN foods.

## Fruit Group

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Apple (medium, $2^{\prime \prime}$ diam) | 1 (4 oz) | 60 |
| Apple Butter, 100\% fruit spreads (no sugar added) | 2 Tbsp | 75 |
| Applesauce (sweetened) | 1/2 cup | 100 |
| Applesauce, unsweetened | 1/2 cup | 50 |
| Apricots, canned, in own juice or light syrup | 1/2 cup | 60 |
| Apricots, fresh | 4 whole $(51 / 2 \mathrm{oz})$ | 60 |
| Banana, small | 1 (4 oz) | 65 |
| Banana, medium | 1/2 banana | 60 |
| Blackberries | 3/4 cup | 55 |
| Blueberries | 3/4 cup | 60 |
| Cantaloupe, (small, $1 / 3$ melon) | $1 \mathrm{cup}$ | 60 |
| Casaba | 11/2 cups | 60 |
| Cherries, sweet, canned, in own juice or light syrup | 1/2 cup | 70 |
| Cherries, sweet, fresh (3 ounces) | 12 pieces | 60 |
| Dates | 3 pieces | 70 |
| Dried fruits: (with sugar added) apples $\star$, apricots $\star$, figs $\star$, papaya, pineapple, prunes $\star$, raisins | 1/4 cup | 120 |
| Figs, fresh | 2 medium $(31 / 2 \mathrm{oz})$ | 75 |
| Fruit cocktail, canned, in own juice or light syrup | 1/2 cup | 60 |
| Fruit cocktail, canned, in heavy syrup | 1/2 cup | 100 |
| Fruit cocktail, canned, in juice | 1/2 cup | 55 |
| Fruit juice bars, $100 \%$ juice (sweetened) | 1 bar | 75 |
| Gatorade | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { cup } \\ & (8 \mathrm{oz}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 50 |

Food

| Serving Size | Calories |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Grapefruit (large) | $1 / 2(11 \mathrm{oz})$ | 50 |
| Grapefruit sections, <br> canned, in own juice or <br> light syrup | $3 / 4$ cup | 69 |
| Grapes (small) | $17(3 \mathrm{oz})$ | 60 |
| Hawaiian Punch | 1 cup <br> $(8 \mathrm{oz})$ | 120 |
| Honeydew melon | 1 slice $(10$ <br> oz) | 60 |
| Kern's Nectar, all flavors | $3 / 4 \mathrm{cup}$ <br> $(6 \mathrm{oz})$ | 110 |
| Kiwi | 1 whole <br> $(31 / 2 \mathrm{oz})$ | 60 |


| JUICES: |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Apple juice, 100\% juice <br> (sweetened) | $1 / 2$ cup | 90 |
| Apple juice/cider, 100\% <br> juice (unsweetened) | $1 / 2$ cup | 60 |
| Cranberry juice cocktail | $1 / 2$ cup | 60 |
| Cranberry juice cocktail, <br> reduced calorie | $1 / 2$ cup | 50 |
| Fruit juice blends, 100\% <br> juice (sweetened) | $1 / 3$ cup | 50 |
| Grape juice, 100\% juice <br> (unsweetened) | $1 / 3$ cup | 60 |
| Grape juice, 100\% juice <br> (sweetened) | $1 / 3$ cup | 50 |
| Grapefruit juice, $100 \%$ <br> juice (sweetened) | $1 / 2$ cup | 50 |
| Grapefruit juice, $100 \%$ <br> juice (unsweetened) | $1 / 2$ cup | 60 |
| Hi-C fruit juice (10\% juice) | $3 / 4$ cup | 110 |
| Orange juice, $100 \%$ juice <br> (unsweetened) | $1 / 2$ cup | 60 |
| Pineapple juice, $100 \%$ <br> juice (unsweetened) | $1 / 2$ cup | 60 |

## Fruit Group

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prune juice, 100\% juice (unsweetened) | $1 / 3$ cup | 60 |
| Sunny Delight | 3/4 cup | 90 |
| Lemon or Lime | 1 whole | 20 |
| Lemon or Lime juice (See Free Food List) | 1/4 cup | 15 |
| Mandarin oranges, canned, in own juice or light syrup | 3/4 cup | 60 |
| Mango (small) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \text { cup } \\ & (51 / 2 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | 70 |
| Nectarine (small) | (5 oz) | 70 |
| Orange (small) | 1 (61/2 oz) | 60 |
| Papaya | 1 cup cubes ( 8 oz ) | 60 |
| Peach (medium) | 1 (4 oz) | 60 |
| Peaches, canned, in own juice or light syrup | 1/2 cup | 60 |
| Pears, canned, in own juice or light syrup | 1/2 cup | 60 |
| Pear, fresh | 1/2 large <br> (4 oz) | 60 |
| Pineapple, canned, in own juice or light syrup | 1/2 cup | 60 |
| Pineapple, fresh | 3/4 cup | 60 |
| Plums | $\begin{gathered} 2 \text { small } \\ (5 \mathrm{oz}) \end{gathered}$ | 75 |
| Plums, canned, in own juice or light syrup | $1 / 2$ cup | 60 |
| Prunes, dried | 3 | 60 |
| Raisins | 2 Tbsp | 60 |
| Raspberries | 1 cup | 60 |

Food

|  | Serving Size | Calories |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strawberries (whole <br> berries) | $11 / 4$ cup | 60 |
| Tangerines (small) | $2(8 \mathrm{oz})$ | 75 |
| Watermelon | 1 slice <br> $(7$ oz) or <br> $11 / 4$ cup <br> cubes | 60 |
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5 g of fat per serving and/or high sugar are RED foods.

Foods that have $2-5 \mathrm{~g}$ of total fat are YELLOW foods. 502

Foods that are less then 2 g of total fat are GREEN foods.

## Non-Starchy Vegetable Group (Vegetables)

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Artichoke, cooked | 1/2 cup | 30 |
| Asparagus, cooked | 1/2 cup | 25 |
| Asparagus, raw | 1 cup | 30 |
| Beans, cooked, baked, refried <br> (See Breads, Grains, Beans, \& Starchy Vegetables) |  |  |
| Beans, green/wax/Italian, canned | $1 / 2$ cup | 15 |
| Beans, green/wax/Italian, cooked | $1 / 2$ cup | 20 |
| Bean sprouts, cooked | 1/2 cup | 15 |
| Bean sprouts, raw | 1 cup | 30 |
| Beets, boiled | 1/2 cup | 25 |
| Beets, canned (not pickled) | 1/2 cup | 25 |
| Broccoli, cooked | 1/2 cup | 20 |
| Broccoli, raw | 1 cup | 25 |
| Brussels sprouts, cooked | 1/2 cup | 30 |
| Brussels sprouts, raw | 1 cup | 40 |
| Cabbage, cooked | 1/2 cup | 17 |
| Cabbage, raw | 1 cup | 20 |
| Carrots, baby, raw | 10 pieces | 40 |
| Carrot, raw, whole (7") | 1 | 30 |
| Carrots, sliced, canned | 1/2 cup | 18 |
| Carrots, sliced, cooked | 1/2 cup | 35 |
| Carrots, sliced, raw | 1 cup | 50 |
| Cauliflower, cooked | 1/2 cup | 14 |
| Cauliflower, raw | 1 cup | 25 |
| Celery, chopped, cooked (See Free Food List) | 1/2 cup | 14 |
| Celery, chopped, raw (See Free Food List) | 1 cup | 19 |
| Celery, stalk (7") (See Free Food List) | 2 stalks | 12 |
| Cucumber, raw, sliced (See Free Food List) | 1 cup | 14 |
| Eggplant, cooked | 1/2 cup | 14 |
| Eggplant, raw | 1 cup | 20 |
| Greens: collards/ endive/ kale, cooked | 1/2 cup | 25 |


| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Greens: collards/ endive/ kale, raw | 1 cup | 11 |
| Lettuce, raw, shredded or leaves | 1 cup | 7 |
| Mixed Vegetables (frozen, bag type: broccoli, carrots, w/out corn, peas or pasta) | 1/2 cup | 25 |
| Mushrooms, canned | 1/2 cup | 19 |
| Mushrooms, cooked | 1/2 cup | 20 |
| Mushrooms, raw | 1 cup | 18 |
| Okra, cooked | 1/2 cup | 25 |
| Okra, fried | 1/2 cup | 60 |
| Okra, raw | 1 cup | 30 |
| Onions, cooked | 1/2 cup | 45 |
| Onions, raw | 1 cup | 60 |
| Parsley, chopped, raw | 1/2 cup | 10 |
| Peppers, bell, canned | 1/2 cup | 13 |
| Peppers, bell, cooked | 1/2 cup | 19 |
| Peppers, bell, raw | 1 cup | 40 |
| Pickles, dill (See Free Food List) | 2 whole | 8 |
| Pickles, sweet (bread and butter) (See Free Food List) | 2 slices | 16 |
| Radishes, cooked | 1/2 cup | 12 |
| Radishes, raw | 1 cup | 20 |
| Rutabaga, cooked | 1/2 cup | 30 |
| Rutabaga, raw | 1 cup | 50 |
| Salad (Add up calories from ingredients in salad) |  |  |
| Salsa (See Free Food List) | 1/4 cup | 16 |
| Sauerkraut ( 400 mg or more sodium/serving) | $1 / 2$ cup | 13 |
| Snow peas raw | 8-9 pods | 10 |
| Spinach, cooked | 1/2 cup | 20 |
| Spinach, raw (See Free Food List) | 1 cup | 7 |

# Non-Starchy Vegetable Group (Vegetables) 

| Food |
| :--- |
| Serving Size |
| Calories |
| Squash, summer (yellow <br> and zucchini), cooked $1 / 2$ cup 14 <br> Squash, summer (yellow <br> and zucchini), raw 1 cup 16 <br> Tomato or V-8 Juice 4 oz or <br> $1 / 2$ cup 25 <br> Tomatoes, cooked $1 / 2$ cup 30 <br> Tomatoes, paste 2 Tbsp 30 <br> Tomatoes, puree $1 / 4$ cup 25 <br> Tomatoes, raw 1 cup 40 <br> Tomatoes: Spaghetti sauce <br> $(400 ~ m g ~ o r ~ m o r e ~ s o d i u m) ~$ $1 / 2$ cup 50 |



Foods that have $2-5 \mathrm{~g}$ of total fat are YELLOW foods. Foods that are less then 2 g
of total fat are GREEN foods.


## Milk Group

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acidophilus milk (lactose reduced milk) | 1 cup | 110 |
| Buttermilk, 2\% milk fat | 1 cup | 120 |
| Buttermilk, non-fat or lowfat | 1 cup | 100 |
| Cheese (See Meats, Meat Substitutes, Cheese, and Other Proteins) |  |  |
| Chocolate milk, low fat (1 \% fat) | 1 cup | 190 |
| Chocolate milk, reduced fat (2\% fat) | 1 cup | 190 |
| Chocolate milk, whole (3.3\% fat) | 1 cup | 225 |
| Goat milk | 1 cup | 170 |
| Kefir, low-fat | 1 cup | 150 |
| Milk, dry, non-fat | 1/3 cup | 90 |
| Milk, dry, whole | 1/3 cup | 210 |
| Milk, evaporated, 2\% reduced fat | $1 / 2$ cup | 120 |
| Milk, evaporated, skim | 1/2 cup | 100 |
| Milk, evaporated, whole | 1/2 cup | 170 |
| Milk, fat free, skim | 1 cup | 90 |
| Milk, low-fat (1\% fat) | 1 cup | 100 |
| Milk, reduced fat (2\% fat) | 1 cup | 120 |
| Milk, whole (3.3\% fat) | 1 cup | 150 |
| Slim Fast shake | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{can} \\ (11 \mathrm{oz}) \end{gathered}$ | 220 |
| Soy milk, fat-free | 1 cup | 90 |
| Soy milk, low fat | 1 cup | 120 |
| Sweet Success diet drink | 8 oz | 160 |
| Yogurt, drinkable <br> (Danimals) | 3.1 oz | 90 |
| Yogurt, fruit flavored, nonfat, sugar-free | $\begin{gathered} 8 \mathrm{oz} \\ (1 \mathrm{cup}) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 130 |
| Yogurt, Go-Gurt, | $\begin{gathered} 2.25 \mathrm{oz} \\ \text { ( } 1 \text { tube) } \end{gathered}$ | 70 |

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| Yogurt, plain, low-fat | $\begin{gathered} 8 \mathrm{oz} \\ (1 \mathrm{cup}) \end{gathered}$ | 150 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yogurt, plain, non-fat | $\begin{gathered} 8 \mathrm{oz} \\ (1 \mathrm{cup}) \end{gathered}$ | 130 |
| Yogurt, plain, whole milk | $\begin{gathered} 8 \mathrm{oz} \\ (1 \mathrm{cup}) \end{gathered}$ | 180 |
| Yogurt, with fruit, low fat | $\begin{gathered} 8 \mathrm{oz} \\ (1 \mathrm{cup}) \end{gathered}$ | 240 |
| Yogurt, with fruit or other sugar sweetened flavorings including: Double Delights, Snackwells, chocolate, flavored or sprinkle topping, etc. | $\begin{gathered} 8 \mathrm{oz} \\ \text { (1 cup) } \\ 6 \mathrm{oz} \\ (3 / 4 \mathrm{cup}) \\ 4 \mathrm{oz} \\ (1 / 2 \mathrm{cup}) \end{gathered}$ | 170 130 85 |
| Yogurt, whipped | $\begin{gathered} 4.6 \mathrm{oz} \\ (1 / 2 \mathrm{cup}) \end{gathered}$ | 160 |

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## Meat, Meat Substitutes, Cheese, E Other Proteins Group (Meat)

| Food | Serving Size | Calories | Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Anchovies | 6 medium | 75 | American, light | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{oz} \\ \text { (1 slice) } \end{gathered}$ | 70 |
| Bacon | 3 slices | 110 |  |  |  |
| Bacon, turkey | 3 slices | 100 | Blue | 1 oz | 100 |
| Bacon, turkey, 95\% fat free | 3 slices | 60 | Brie | 1 oz | 95 |
| BEEF: |  |  | Cheddar | 1 oz | 115 |
| Corned beef brisket | 3 oz | 225 | Cheddar, fat free | 1 oz | 50 |
| Corned beef hash | 3 oz | 225 | Cheddar, low fat | 1 oz | 50 |
| Corned beef hash (greater than 80\% lean) | 3 oz | 165 | Cheese spread | 2 Tbsp | 100 |
|  |  |  | Cheeses, non-fat or made with skim milk, 0-2 grams of fat per serving | 1 oz | 45 |
| Ground beef, extra lean | 3 oz | 210 |  |  |  |
| Ground beef, lean | 3 oz | 240 |  |  |  |
| Ground beef, regular (less than 80\% lean) | 3 oz | 255 | Cheeses, with 2-5 grams of fat per serving | 1 oz | 55 |
| Ground round | 3 oz | 210 | Cheeses, with greater than 5 grams of fat per serving | 1 oz | 100 |
| Prime rib (rib eye steak) | 3 oz | 225 | Feta | 1 oz | 75 |
| Roast (chuck, rib, rump) <br> (greater than 80\% lean) | 3 oz | 180 | Mozzarella, part skim milk | 1 oz | 72 |
| Short ribs | 3 oz | 225 | Mozzarella, whole milk | 1 oz | 75 |
| Steak, trimmed of fat (New York, cubed, flank, round, sirloin, porterhouse, t-bone), roasted or grilled | 3 oz | 165 | Parmesan | 2 Tbsp | 55 |
|  |  |  | Parmesan, fat-free | 2 Tbsp | 60 |
|  |  |  | Ricotta, light, low fat | $1 / 4$ cup | 70 |
|  |  |  | Ricotta, non-fat | 1/4 cup | 50 |
| Steak, with fat (New York, cubed, round, sirloin, porterhouse, t-bone), roasted or grilled | 3 oz | 225 | Ricotta, whole milk | 1/4 cup | 105 |
|  |  |  | Chicken (see POULTRY) |  |  |
|  |  |  | Chorizo, (pork and beef sausage) | 3 oz | 360 |
| Tenderloin, trimmed of fat | 3 oz | 165 |  |  |  |
| Top round trimmed of fat, roasted or braised | 3 oz | 165 | Cottage cheese, $4 \%$ fat | 1/2 cup | 120 |
|  |  |  | Cottage cheese, low fat (2\% fat) | 1/2 cup | 100 |
| Beef Jerky | 1 oz | 75 |  |  |  |
| Buffalo | 3 oz | 120 | Cottage cheese, non-fat | 1/2 cup | 80 |
| CHEESE: |  |  | Egg (white and yolk) | 1 | 75 |
| American | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{oz} \\ \text { (1 slice) } \end{gathered}$ | 110 | FISH: |  |  |
|  |  |  | Catfish, baked | 3 oz | 135 |
| American, fat free | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{oz} \\ \text { (1 slice) } \end{gathered}$ | 40 | Catfish, fried | 3 oz | 165 |
|  |  |  | Cod, baked | 3 oz | 105 |

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## Meat, Meat Substitutes, Cheese, \& Other Proteins Group (Meat)

| Food |
| :--- |
| Serving Size Calories  <br> Flounder, baked 3 oz 105 <br> Haddock 3 oz 105 <br> Herring (smoked or <br> without cream) 1 oz 55 <br> Salmon, baked 3 oz 165 <br> Sardines 2 sardines 55 <br> Shark 3 oz 165 <br> Sole 1 oz 35 <br> Swordfish 3 oz 165 <br> Tuna, canned in oil 3 oz 165 <br> Tuna, canned in water or <br> fresh 3 oz 105 <br> Garden Burger 1 patty 130 <br> Ham, extra lean (5\% fat), <br> roasted 3 oz 120 <br> Ham, lean (11\% fat), <br> roasted 3 oz 150 <br> Hotdog (wiener only), fat <br> free 1 whole 40 <br> Hotdog (wiener only), light 1 whole 110 <br> Hotdog (wiener only) <br> regular (beef, chicken, <br> pork, tofu, turkey) with 5 <br> or more grams of fat per <br> serving 1 whole 145 <br> Lamb: Chop, leg, or roast 3 oz 165 <br> Liver (high in cholesterol) 3 oz 165 <br> Luncheon meat with more <br> than 5 gram of fat per 1oz <br> (bologna, salami, olive <br> loaf) 1 oz 100 <br> Luncheon meat with 2- <br> 5 grams of fat per 1 oz <br> (turkey salami, ham) 1 oz 55 <br> Luncheon meat with less <br> than 2 grams of fat per oz <br> (lean ham, turkey breast, <br> chicken breast, turkey <br> ham) 1 oz 35 |


| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Miso (soy bean curd) | 3 Tbsp | 115 |
| Ostrich | 3 oz | 120 |
| Peanut Butter | 1 Tbsp | 100 |
| Peanut Butter, reduced fat | 1 Tbsp | 100 |
| Pepperoni (5 slices) | 1 oz | 140 |
| Pheasant | 3 oz | 120 |
| PORK: |  |  |
| Canadian bacon | 3 oz | 165 |
| Chops, with fat trimmed | 3 oz | 165 |
| Chops, with fat | 3 oz | 270 |
| Ground pork | 3 oz | 255 |
| Ribs (baby back ribs) | 3 oz | 300 |
| Roast, with fat trimmed | 3 oz | 210 |
| Roast, with fat | 3 oz | 270 |
| Salt pork (fat back) | 1"x1" piece | 120 |
| Sausage (Polish sausage, Italian sausage) | 3 oz | 330 |
| Tenderloin | 3 oz | 135 |
| POULTRY: |  |  |
| Chicken, white meat, without skin (chicken breast) | 3 oz | 90 |
| Chicken, white meat, with skin (chicken breast) | 3 oz | 165 |
| Chicken, dark meat, without skin (thigh or leg) | 3 oz | 165 |
| Chicken, dark meat, with skin (thigh or leg) | 3 oz | 225 |
| Chicken fingers (2 fingers) | 3 oz | 245 |
| Chicken nuggets (all types) | 6 nuggets | 275 |
| Chicken wings (fried in oil) | 6 wings ( 5 oz ) | 485 |
| Duck, roasted without skin | 3 oz | 165 |
| Duck, roasted with skin | 3 oz | 285 |

# Meat, Meat Substitutes, Cheese, E Other Proteins Group (Meat) 

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Goose, roasted without skin | 3 oz | 165 |
| Goose, roasted with skin | 3 oz | 255 |
| Ground turkey, regular (85\% lean) | 3 oz | 135 |
| Ground turkey, extra lean (greater than 95\% lean) | 3 oz | 105 |
| Turkey, white meat, without skin | 3 oz | 90 |
| Turkey, white meat, with skin | 3 oz | 140 |
| Turkey, dark meat, without skin | 3 oz | 135 |
| Turkey, dark meat, with skin | 3 oz | 155 |
| Rabbit | 3 oz | 165 |
| Salami | 1 oz | 75 |
| Sausage (1 or less grams of fat per ounce) | 1 oz | 55 |
| Sausage (2-4 grams fat per ounce) | 1 oz | 75 |
| Sausage (beef, bratwurst, Italian, knockwurst, polish, pork, smoked, turkey) | 1 oz | 100 |
| Seeds (pumpkin, sesame or sunflower) | 1 Tbsp | 45 |
| SHELLFISH: (High in Cholesterol) |  |  |
| Clams | 3 oz | 105 |
| Crab | 3 oz | 105 |
| Imitation shellfish | 3 oz | 105 |
| Lobster | 3 oz | 105 |
| Oysters, raw or canned | 3 oz | 105 |
| Scallops | 3 oz | 105 |
| Shrimp, boiled or baked | 3 oz | 105 |
| Shrimp, breaded and fried | 3 oz | 210 |


| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spam | 3 oz | 270 |
| Tofu, regular fat, soft or firm | $\begin{aligned} & 1 / 2 \text { cup } \\ & (4 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | 75 |
| Tuna (see FISH) |  |  |
| VEAL: |  |  |
| Chop, with fat trimmed | 3 oz | 180 |
| Chop, with fat | 3 oz | 225 |
| Roast | 3 oz | 135 |

Foods that have greater than 5 g of fat per serving and/or high sugar are RED foods.

Foods that have $2-5 \mathrm{~g}$ of total fat are YELLOW foods. Foods that are less then 2 g
of total fat are GREEN foods.

## Fats, Oils, and Sweets

| Food | Serving Size | Calories | Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alcohol - beer | 12 oz | 145 | Coconut, sweetened, shredded, dried | 2 Tbsp | 45 |
| Alcohol-liquor | 1 oz | 70 |  |  |  |
| Alcohol - wine | 6 oz | 125 | Cookies, all types, (2"diam) | 2 whole | 160 |
| Angel food cake (1/12) | About 2 oz | 160 | Corn Chips, regular | 1 oz | 155 |
| Avocado (medium) | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \text { Tbsp } \\ & (1 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | 45 | Cracker Jacks <br> Cranberry sauce- jellied or whole berry | 1 oz | 120 |
|  |  |  |  | 1/4 cup | 120 |
| Bacon | 1 slice (20 <br> slices/lb.) | 35 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Cream, half-n-half, heavy whipping | 2 Tbsp | 45 |
| Bacon bits | 1 Tbsp | 25 |  |  |  |
| Bacon grease | 1 tsp | 40 | Cream cheese, fat-free (See Free Food List) | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Tbsp } \\ & (1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | 15 |
| Bacon, rinds (8 pieces) | 1 oz | 155 |  |  |  |
| Barbecue Sauce (See Free Food List) | 1 Tbsp | 14 | Cream cheese, light | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Tbsp } \\ & (1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}) \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 35 |
| Brownie, small, unfrosted (2" $\times 2^{\prime \prime}$ piece) | About 1 oz | 125 | Cream cheese, regular | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Tbsp } \\ & (1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}) \end{aligned}$ | 50 |
| Butter | 1 tsp | 35 | Cream puff ( $31 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ diam) | 1 piece | 225 |
| Butter, reduced fat | 1 tsp | 20 | Creamers, non-dairy, liquid, flavored | 1 Tbsp | 40 |
| Butter, reduced fat | 1 Tbsp | 50 |  |  |  |
| Butter, whipped, reduced fat | 1 tsp | 30 | Creamers, non-dairy, liquid, fat free (See Free Food List) | 1 Tbsp | 10 |
| mix cake) | 1 piece | 240 | Creamers, non-dairy, powdered, flavored | 1 Tbsp | 45 |
| Cake with icing ( $1 / 12$ of cake-mix cake) | 1 piece | 400 | Cup cake, frosted | 1 small (about 2 oz) | 205 |
| Candies, Caramel | 1 oz | 120 |  |  |  |
| Candies, Fudge | 1 oz | 110 | Custard - fruit, lemon meringue, pumpkin | 1/2 cup | 150 |
| Candies, Peanut brittle | 1 oz | 125 |  |  |  |
| Cheese Balls, Puffs or | 1 oz | 160 | Doritos | 1 oz | 140 |
|  | 1 piece | 250 | Doritos, baked | 1 oz | 125 |
| Cheesecake ( $1 / 8$ of 9 " diam) |  |  | Doughnut - cake or raised | 1 medium $(11 / 2 \mathrm{oz})$ | 250 |
| Chitterlings, boiled ( $1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$ ) | 2 Tbsp | 45 | Doughnut holes | 4 | 160 |
| Chocolate (any type) | 1 oz | 150 |  |  |  |
| Chocolate syrup | 1 Tbsp | 55 | Eclair (5"length $\times 2$ 2" diam) | 1 whole | 260 |
|  | 1 cup | 110 | Fat back or salt pork | 1"x1" piece | 120 |
| powder mix (1 envelope) |  |  | French Fries, any type, including frozen |  | 500 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Fats, Oils, and Sweets

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fruit cake (1/8 of 9" diam) | 1 piece | 225 |
| Fruit roll up | $\begin{gathered} 1 \mathrm{roll} \\ (1 / 2 \mathrm{Oz}) \end{gathered}$ | 50 |
| Fudgsicle | 1 whole | 100 |
| Fudgsicle, sugar free | 1 whole (1 oz) | 45 |
| Fun fruit or fruit jellies | 1 oz | 100 |
| Gatorade | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { cup } \\ & \text { (8 oz) } \end{aligned}$ | 50 |
| Gingerbread (1/16 whole) | 1 piece | 125 |
| Gingersnaps | 3 pieces | 80 |
| Gravy, thick | 2 Tbsp | 50 |
| Gravy, thin | 2 Tbsp | 30 |
| Guacamole | 2 Tbsp | 55 |
| Gumdrops (1 oz) | 8 pieces | 110 |
| Hard candy (including Breath mints, etc.) | 1 oz | 110 |
| Hash Browns, any type, including frozen | 1/2 cup | 180 |
| Hawaiian Punch Fruit Beverage | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { cup } \\ & \text { (8 oz) } \end{aligned}$ | 120 |
| Honey | 1 Tbsp | 80 |
| Ice Cream, fat free, no added sugar | 1/2 cup | 90 |
| Ice Cream, regular | 1/2 cup | 170 |
| Italian ice | 1/2 cup | 75 |
| Jam, jelly, marmalade, light | 1 Tbsp | 25 |
| Jam, jelly, marmalade, regular | 1 Tbsp | 50 |
| Jell-O, diet, sugar free (See Free Food List) | 1/2 cup | 25 |
| Jell-O, regular | 1/2 cup | 80 |
| Jelly beans (1 oz) | 10 pieces | 65 |
| Ketchup/catsup (See Free Food List) | 1 Tbsp | 15 |
| Kool-Aid, ready to drink | 1 cup | 100 |
| Lemonade or Orangeade | 1 cup | 100 |

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## Fats, Oils, and Sweets

| Food | Serving Size | Calories |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Popsicle, sugar free (See <br> Free Food List) | 1 whole | 15 |
| Potato Chips, fat-free, baked | 1 oz | 75 |
| Potato Chips, regular | 1 oz | 160 |
| Pudding, fat free, any flavor | 1/2 cup | 80 |
| Pudding, regular, any flavor | 1/2 cup | 160 |
| Ranch dressing, fat free (See Free Food List) | 1 Tbsp | 25 |
| Ranch dressing, light, reduced fat | 1 Tbsp | 50 |
| Ranch dressing, regular | 1 Tbsp | 90 |
| Relish (See Free Food List) | 1 Tbsp | 20 |
| Salad dressing, fat free (See Free Food List) | 1 Tbsp | 5 |
| Salad dressing, light | 1 Tbsp | 35 |
| Salad dressing, regular | 1 Tbsp | 65 |
| Sherbet | 1/2 cup | 160 |
| Shortening or lard | 1 tsp | 45 |
| Sour cream, fat free (See Free Food List) | 1 Tbsp | 14 |
| Sour cream, light, reduced fat | 2 Tbsp | 40 |
| Sour cream, regular | 2 Tbsp | 51 |
| Soy sauce (See Free Food List) | 1 Tbsp | 9 |
| Sugar, regular white | 1 Tbsp | 50 |
| Sugars: brown, molasses, and powdered | 1 Tbsp | 50 |
| Sweet Breads: banana, date, fruit and nut (not frosted) | 1 slice (2 oz) | 160 |
| Sweet Roll | 1 (21/2 oz) | 290 |
| Syrup, Light | 1 Tbsp | 25 |
| Syrup, Maple | 1 Tbsp | 50 |

[^3]| Food |
| :--- |
|  Serving Size Calories <br> Syrup, sugar free (See Free <br> Food List) 2 Tbsp 18 <br> Taco Sauce (See Free Food <br> List) 1 Tbsp 7 <br> Tahini paste 1 Tbsp 85 <br> Tang, prepared with water 1 cup 90 <br> Tater Tots, any type, <br> including frozen $1 / 2$ cup 205 <br> Teddy Grahams 24 pieces 130 <br> Tortilla Chips, reduced fat 1 oz 125 <br> Tortilla Chips, regular 1 oz 141 <br> Waffle cone, regular 1 cone 70 <br> Whipped Topping, fat <br> free (Cool Whip) (See Free 2 Tbsp 15 <br> Food list)   |
| Whipped Topping, light <br> (Cool Whip) (See Free <br> Food List) |
| Yogurt, frozen, fat-free |
| Yogurt, frozen, low fat |



## Free Foods and Condiments List

Free foods have less than 20 calories per serving. This first list of Free Foods is foods or drinks you can have in unlimited amounts.

## Free Foods-Unlimited list

| Artificial sweeteners (Equal, Sweet \& Low, Splenda) |
| :--- |
| Bouillon, broth, consommé |
| Bouillon, broth, low sodium |
| Club soda |
| Coffee |
| Cooking spray when used for cooking (Pam spray, Mazola, etc.) |
| Diet soft drinks, sugar free |
| Gum, sugar free |
| Herbs and Spices (pepper, garlic powder, Mrs. Dash) |
| Horseradish |
| Hot sauce |
| Margarine spray (i.e. I can't believe...) |
| Mineral water |
| Pop, soda, diet |
| Sugar free flavored drinks (Crystal Light, Sugar free Kool-Aid) |
| Tea - hot or iced, unsweetened |
| Vinegar |
| Water |
| Worcestershire Sauce |

This list contains Free Foods that you should eat 3 or less per day. If you have 4 or more per day, you will need to count the calories of each food after the 3rd food. You can find the calories of these foods on the Nutrition Facts label or in this Food Reference Guide under their food groups.

## Free Foods-Up to 3 servings per day are Free

| Food | Serving Size |
| :--- | :---: |
| A1 Steak Sauce | 1 Tbsp |
| Barbecue Sauce | 1 Tbsp |
| Celery, stalk (7 inches long) | 2 stalks |
| Creamers, non-dairy, liquid, fat free | 1 Tbsp |
| Cream Cheese, fat-free | 1 Tbsp |
| Cucumber, raw, sliced | 1 cup |
| Jell-O, diet, sugar free | $1 / 2$ cup |
| Ketchup/catsup | 1 Tbsp |
| Lemon juice | $1 / 4$ cup |
| Lime juice | $1 / 4$ cup |
| Mayonnaise, fat free | 1 Tbsp |
| Mustard | 2 Tbsp |
| Pickles, dill | 2 whole |
| Pickles, sweet (bread and butter) | 2 slices |
| Popsicle, sugar free | 1 whole |
| Ranch dressing, fat free | 1 Tbsp |
| Relish | 1 Tbsp |
| Salad dressing, fat free | 1 Tbsp |
| Salsa | $1 / 4$ cup |
| Sour Cream, fat free | 1 Tbsp |
| Soy Sauce | 1 Tbsp |
| Spinach, raw | 1 cup |
| Syrup, sugar-free | 2 Tbsp |
| Taco Sauce | 1 Tbsp |
| Whipped Topping, fat free (Cool Whip) | 2 Tbsp |
| Whipped Topping, light (lite) (Cool Whip) | 1 Tbsp |
|  |  |

## Appendix A:

## Ready-to-eat Cereals

Ready-to-eat cereals are color coded a little bit differently than other foods. Most cereals do not have much fat, but some have more sugar and/or carbohydrates than other cereals. When you have ready-to-eat cereal, you can either look on this list or figure it out yourself if the cereal is a GREEN, YELLOW, or RED food. You can learn what color the cereal is by reading the Nutrition Facts label on the side of the box and using these two rules.

RULE \#1: Look at the Total Carbohydrates grams. If it has;

- 25 g or less of Carbohydrates, it is a GREEN cereal.
- 26 g to 30 g of Carbohydrates, it is a YELLOW cereal.
- More than 30 g of Carbohydrates, it is a RED cereal.

RULE \#2: Look at the Sugar grams; if it has 10 g or more of sugar, it becomes a RED cereal.

| Name | Serving Size <br> (cups) | Calories | Carb grams | Sugar grams |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| All Bran | $1 / 2$ | 80 | 23 | 6 |
| Apple Jacks | 1 | 130 | 30 | 16 |
| Cap'n Crunch | $3 / 4$ | 110 | 23 | 12 |
| Cheerios | 1 | 110 | 22 | 1 |
| Cheerios, Honey Nut | 1 | 120 | 24 | 11 |
| Cinnamon Toast Crunch | $3 / 4$ | 130 | 24 | 10 |
| Coco Puffs | 1 | 120 | 26 | 14 |
| Cookie Crisp | 1 | 120 | 26 | 13 |
| Corn Bran | $3 / 4$ | 90 | 23 | 6 |
| Corn Chex | 1 | 110 | 26 | 3 |
| Corn Flakes | 1 | 100 | 24 | 2 |
| Corn Pops | 1 | 120 | 28 | 14 |
| Cracklin' Oatbran | $3 / 4$ | 200 | 35 | 15 |
| Fiber One | $1 / 2$ | 60 | 24 | 0 |
| Fruit Loops (Froot Loops) | 1 | 120 | 28 | 15 |
| Frosted Flakes | $3 / 4$ | 120 | 28 | 12 |

[^4]| Name | Serving Size <br> (cups) | Calories | Carb grams | Sugar grams |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frosted Shredded Wheat | 1 | 180 | 43 | 12 |
| Fruity Pebbles | $3 / 4$ | 110 | 24 | 12 |
| Golden Crisp | $3 / 4$ | 110 | 25 | 14 |
| Golden Grahams | $3 / 4$ | 120 | 25 | 10 |
| GoLean Crunch | 1 | 190 | 36 | 13 |
| Honey Comb | $11 / 3$ | 110 | 26 | 11 |
| Kix | $11 / 3$ | 120 | 25 | 3 |
| Life | $3 / 4$ | 120 | 25 | 6 |
| Lucky Charms | 1 | 120 | 25 | 13 |
| Milk'n' Cereal bars | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 160 | 26 | 16 |
| Raisin Bran | 1 | 190 | 46 | 20 |
| Raisin Nut Bran | $3 / 4$ | 200 | 41 | 16 |
| Rice Chex | $11 / 4$ | 120 | 27 | 2 |
| Rice Krispies | $11 / 4$ | 120 | 29 | 3 |
| Shredded Wheat | 1 | 170 | 40 | 0 |
| Smacks | $3 / 4$ | 100 | 24 | 15 |
| Special K | 1 | 110 | 22 | 4 |
| Total | $3 / 4$ | 110 | 23 | 5 |
| Trix | 1 | 120 | 27 | 13 |
| Waffle Crisp | 1 | 120 | 25 | 12 |
| Wheat Chex | 1 | 180 | 40 | 5 |
| Wheaties | 1 | 110 | 24 | 4 |

Here is space for some of your favorite cereals

## Appendix B: <br> Pizza

Examples of calories and RED food servings for different size pizzas are listed below. If calorie totals for your pizza are not available, use the calorie and RED food totals from the examples. Choose the example that is most similar to the piece you had.

- Medium Domino's Cheese Pizza (classic hand tossed) 1 slice $=188$ calories and 1 RED food
- Large Domino's Cheese Pizza (classic hand tossed) 1 slice $=256$ calories and 2 RED foods
- Medium Pizza Hut Pan Cheese Pizza

1 slice $=280$ calories and 2 RED foods


Do you know the amount of calories in your slice of pizza, but you are not sure of the amount of RED foods you should count per slice? Then use these guidelines to count the amount of RED foods for each slice of pizza you eat.

- Thin crust pizza, 1 slice from small or medium pizza $=1$ RED food
- Thin crust or hand tossed pizza, 1 slice from large or extra large pizza $=2$ RED foods
- Pan, deep dish, or stuffed crust pizza, 1 slice from any size pizza $=2$ RED foods


## Special Notes for Pizza:

- For sheet pizzas with square pieces, assume that calories for one square slice are similar to calories for one slice of a round pizza.
1 slice $=1$ RED food
- Toppings should be added to RED food totals and calories should be adjusted.
- Example:Domino's medium pizza with green pepper and mushrooms

1 slice $=198$ calories and 1 RED food (vegetables are GREEN foods)

- Example:Domino's medium pepperoni pizza

1 slice $=225$ calories and 2 RED foods
(1 RED for the medium cheese pizza and 1 RED for the pepperoni)

- Example: Pizza Hut large stuffed crust pizza with pepperoni and sausage

1 slice $=450$ calories and 4 RED foods
(2 REDs for stuffed crust, 1 RED for pepperoni, and 1 RED for sausage)

## Appendix C:

## Combination Foods

Some food dishes are considered to be a Combination Food. These combination dishes do not fit into any one food group list, but instead contain items from several food groups. Combination Foods include: casseroles, pasta dishes, pizzas, sandwiches, soups and salads. Each dish is the sum of its parts. In Combination Foods, it is necessary to measure each ingredient to determine calories and RED food servings. Once you have determined the amount of each ingredient in one serving of the dish, you can look in the Diabetes Food Reference Guide to determine the number of calories contained in one serving. To determine if a Combination Food is a RED food, add up the number of servings of (even fractions) individual RED food ingredients. If the total RED food ingredient servings equal 1 or more, the Combination Food is then counted as a RED food. If the amount of RED food ingredients in the Combination Food equals less than one, then that food is NOT counted as a RED food.

Serving sizes of Combination Foods include:
Sandwiches (burgers, tacos, burritos, roll-ups); 1 small sandwich $=1$ serving Pizza; 1 small slice (see Food Reference Guide appendix B) $=1$ serving Pasta, Casserole and Stir Fry Dishes; 1 cup = 1 serving
Soups; 1 cup = 1 serving

## How to record mixed dishes:

List all the ingredients in the recipe if possible; otherwise, list major ingredients:
FOOD
AMOUNT

| SPAGHETTI WITH 3 MEATBALLS |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Noodles | 1 cup |  | 180 |
| Tomato Sauce | $1 / 2 \mathrm{cup}$ |  | 50 |
| Meatball (3 small) | 3 oz | 1 | 255 |
| TOTAL |  | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{4 8 5}$ |


| HAMBURGER WITH CHEESE |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ground Beef Patty | 3 oz | 1 | 255 |
| Hamburger Bun | 1 whole |  | 160 |
| Lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions | $1 / 2$ cup |  | 13 |
| Mayonnaise | 1 Tbsp | 1 | 100 |
| Cheese, cheddar | 1 oz | 1 | 115 |
| TOTAL |  | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{6 4 3}$ |

## Appendix D:

## Restaurant Foods

Many restaurant foods are Combination Foods. Use the technique described on the previous page to determine servings from each food group.

Most restaurants add fat to their food during cooking. Unless you know how the food is prepared, assume that high-fat foods such as whole milk, regular ground beef, and whole eggs are used in preparation of the food. While it is not impossible to make a healthy choice to order GREEN and YELLOW foods at restaurants, the majority of the options will be RED foods.

Some guidelines are listed below to help you figure the amount of REDS in restaurant type foods.

GUIDE TO SALAD DRESSINGS:

- Assume 1 Tbsp of thin salad dressing (oil and/or vinegar type) per cup of salad.
- Assume $11 / 2$ Tbsp of thick salad dressing (creamy type) per cup of salad.

GUIDE TO FATS (oil, butter or margarine):

- To estimate the amount of butter, margarine or oil used as a spread (including garlic bread): Assume 1 tsp of margarine or butter per slice of bread.
- To estimate the amount of fat used in grilling sandwiches: Assume 1 tsp of fat for each slice of bread.
- To estimate the amount of fat for fried tortillas: Assume 1 tsp of fat per tortilla.
- To estimate fat used with popcorn: Assume 1 tsp of oil per cup popped. If buttered, add 1 tsp of butter per cup popped.

To estimate fat in cooking:
FISH AND SEAFOOD:

- Assume $1 / 2$ tsp of fat per ounce of fish or seafood that has been basted or pan-fried with fat.
- Assume 1 tsp per ounce of fish or seafood that has been breaded and fried or prepared with a commercial oven coating mix.

BEEF, LAMB, PORK, AND VEAL:

- Assume $1 / 2$ tsp of fat per ounce of meat that has been basted or pan-fried with fat, without flour or breading.
- Assume 1 tsp of fat per ounce of meat that has been breaded and fried or prepared with an oven coating mix.


## POULTRY:

- Assume $1 / 2$ tsp of fat per ounce of poultry that has been basted or pan-fried.
- Assume 1 tsp of fat per ounce of poultry that has
been breaded and fried or prepared with an oven coating mix.


## VEGETABLES AND LEGUMES:

- Assume 1 tsp of fat for each cup of vegetables and beans that has been marinated, stir fried or seasoned with fat.
- Assume 2 tsp of fat for each cup of vegetables and beans that has been breaded and fried or prepared with a commercial oven coating mix.


## GUIDE TO ESTIMATING AMOUNTS

 OF VEGETABLES:- Assume $1 / 2$ cup of vegetables in one cup of vegetable based broth or cream soup.


## GUIDE TO ESTIMATING AMOUNTS OF GRAVIES OR SAUCES:

- Assume $1 / 2$ Tbsp of gravy or sauce per ounce of meat, poultry, or fish.
- Assume 2 Tbsp of sauce per cup of vegetables.

EXAMPLE: Sally and her mom went out to an Italian Restaurant. Sally ordered a huge bowl of spaghetti and meatballs, but only ate half, which she estimated at $11 / 3$ cups of noodles. She ate 3 meatballs and figured this to be about the size of a deck of cards. She asked for the tomato sauce on the side so she could estimate the amount she ate, which was about $3 / 4$ cup. Sally had 1 slice of prebuttered garlic bread and 1 cup of salad with the house oil-type dressing, but she forgot to ask for the dressing on the side. Sally also had milk to drink with her meal and forgot to ask the waiter what percentage it was. How should Sally report her meal in her Lifestyle Log?

| FOOD | AMOUNT | CALORIES | REDS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Spaghetti noodles | 11/3 cup | 240 |  |
| Tomato Sauce | 3/4 cup | 75 |  |
| Parmesan Cheese | 1 Tbsp | 27 |  |
| Meatballs - regular ground beef, cooked | 3 oz | 255 | 1 |
| Oil | $11 / 2 \mathrm{tsp}$ | 60 | 11/2 |
| Bread - white | 1 slice | 80 |  |
| Butter | 1 tsp | 35 | 1 |
| Salad - lettuce | 1 cup | 25 |  |
| Salad dressing - unknown, oil and vinegar type | 1 Tbsp | 65 | 1 |
| Croutons | 1/4 cup | 31 |  |
| Garbanzo beans | 1/4 cup | 58 |  |
| Milk - whole | 8 oz | 150 | 1 |
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Sally knows that one deck of cards equals about 3 ounces of meat, and that she should assume that a restaurant uses regular ground beef and that they pan-fried the meatballs before adding them to the sauce. According to our eating out guidelines, she adds $1 / 2$ tsp. of fat to each ounce of meat she ate, so she added $11 / 2$ tsp of oil to her food records.

Sally did not know how much butter was on the garlic bread so she uses the eating out guidelines to estimate 1 tsp of butter to her food record.

Sally had to use our estimating rules to figure the amount of salad dressing in her 1 cup portion of salad. Because Sally's dressing was the thin, clear type, she assumed 1 Tbsp of regular oil and vinegar type dressing in her portion of salad.

Sally doesn't know what kind of milk the restaurant had so as per our guidelines she assumes the full-fat version, and lists her milk as whole milk.

## Appendix E

## My Own Food List

Here is a space for you to write down foods that are NOT in this Food Reference Guide, but which you eat often. Then you can look these foods up quickly.

| Food | Serving Size | Calories | Traffic Light <br> Color |
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Watermelon 11
Wheat germ 9
Wheat Thins 9
Whipped Topping, fat free (Cool Whip) 20, 22
Whipped Topping, light (Cool Whip) 20, 22
Whole (3.3\% fat) milk 14
White beans 7
Worcestershire Sauce 21

## Y

## Yam, sweet potato, plain 9

Yogurt
Drinkable (Danimals) 14
Frozen,fat-free 20
Frozen, low fat 20
Fruit flavored, non-fat, sugar-free 14
Go-Gurt 14
Plain, low-fat 14
Plain, non-fat 14
Plain, whole milk 14
Whipped 14
With fruit, low fat 14
With fruit or other sugar sweetened flavors 14

## Z

Zwieback crackers 9



[^0]:    6-11 servings from the Breads, Grains, Beans, and Starchy Vegetable Group

    3-5 servings from the Non-Starchy Vegetable Group
    2-4 servings from the Fruit Group
    2-3 servings from the Meat, Meat Substitutes, Cheese, and Other Proteins Group

    - 2-3 servings from the Milk Group

    Very few servings from the Fats, Oils, \& Sweets Group

[^1]:    - High fiber foods

[^2]:    High fiber foods

[^3]:    - High fiber foods

[^4]:    - High fiber foods

