

Tell Me More!



What is your favorite food to eat for dinner?
Why?

Tell Me More!



What is your favorite cooking tool to use? Why?

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Name all the white and brown fruits and vegetables you can think of.

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#1

What is the first word or phrase you think of when you hear "Food Hero"?
Who is your Food Hero?

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What vegetable and fruit do you eat at home most often? Why do you like them?

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Metallic
Sweat Bee

Write in your own question on this card!

Did you know?

You can eat both the root and the leaves on radishes.



Take a guess!

Where does the word 'cabbage' come from?



Answer: the Latin word for caput and the French word caboche, which both mean 'head'.



Take a guess!

Are brussels sprouts baby cabbages?



Answer: No, but they are in the same family along with kale, broccoli and cauliflower.



Take a guess!

How should you store a whole onion?



Answer: In a cool, dark, dry place in an open bowl or bag.



Did you know?

Quick-cooking or old fashioned oats are great whole grain foods to enjoy at any meal.



Did you know?

Some Native American tribes called blueberries "star berries" because their blossoms make a star shape.





Tomato Pasta Salad



Ingredients

- 4 cups cooked **rotini pasta**
- 2 cups chopped **tomatoes**
- 1 cup chopped **broccoli**
- 1/4 cup sliced **black olives**
- 2 teaspoons dry **Italian herbs**
- 2 Tablespoons grated **Parmesan cheese**
- 8 ounces low-fat **Italian salad dressing** (about 1 cup)

Directions

1. Combine the cooked pasta, tomatoes, broccoli and black olives together in a bowl.
2. Add the herbs, cheese and salad dressing. Stir together and refrigerate until ready to serve.
3. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Photo and recipe adapted from Nutrition Matters.

Notes

- Try adding other vegetables such as corn, cucumber and avocado.
- Try whole-wheat pasta.
- Low-fat vinaigrette salad dressing also works in this recipe.

Preparation time:

15 minutes

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Makes: 6 cups
Prep time: 15 minutes

Nutrition Facts	
8 servings per container	
Serving size	1 cup (221g)
Amount per Serving	
Calories	250
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 7g	9%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	8%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 570mg	25%
Total Carbohydrate 38g	14%
Dietary Fiber 1g	4%
Total Sugars 6g	
Includes 1.5g Added Sugars	3%
Protein 7g	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 51mg	4%
Iron 2mg	10%
Potassium 258mg	6%
Vitamin A 48mcg	5%
Vitamin C 2mg	2%

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Oven French Toast



Ingredients

- 12 slices **whole grain bread**
- 4 **eggs** or 8 egg whites
- 1 cup nonfat or 1% **milk**
- 1/4 cup packed **brown sugar**
- 1 teaspoon **vanilla**
- powdered sugar** (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Lightly spray a cookie sheet with sides or two 9x13 inch pans with cooking spray.
3. Lay the slices of bread flat on the pan with the sides touching.
4. Beat egg, milk, brown sugar, and vanilla until very well blended.
5. Pour mixture over bread. Turn each slice over to ensure both sides are wet.
6. Cover and refrigerate overnight or bake immediately for 30 minutes.
7. Serve hot. Sprinkle lightly with powdered sugar (optional). Top with applesauce, fresh fruit or yogurt.
8. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Notes

- Serve with applesauce or yogurt.
- Add your favorite berries to the top for some color and a yummy taste!

Preparation time:

10 minutes

Cooking time:

30 minutes

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Makes: 12 slices
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 30 minutes

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 2 slices (141g)
Servings Per Container 6

Amount Per Serving	
Calories 240	Calories from Fat 50
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 5g	8%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	8%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 125mg	42%
Sodium 300mg	13%
Total Carbohydrate 35g	12%
Dietary Fiber 4g	16%
Sugars 14g	
Protein 10g	
Vitamin A 6%	Vitamin C 0%
Calcium 15%	Iron 10%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's secrets. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs:

	Calories	2,000	3,000
Total Fat	Less than	65g	80g
Saturated Fat	Less than	20g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than	300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than	2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate		300g	375g
Dietary Fiber		25g	30g

Calories per gram:
Fat 9 • Carbohydrate 4 • Protein 4

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5 Apple Spice Oatmeal

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cooking time: 10 minutes

Makes: 2 cups



Ingredients

- 2 cups nonfat or 1% milk or water
- 1 cup quick-cooking or old fashioned oats
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
- 1 apple, cored and cut into chunks
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon nutmeg, if desired

Directions

1. Bring the milk or water to a boil in a saucepan.
2. Add the oats, salt and apple. Cook over medium heat for 1 minute if using quick-cooking oats or 7 to 10 minutes if using old fashioned oats. Stir a couple of times while cooking.
3. Remove from heat. Stir in cinnamon, brown sugar and nutmeg, if desired.

Variations

- Add bite-sized dried fruit pieces like raisins, apricots or cranberries in step 2, or sprinkle on top when serving.
- Sprinkle chopped nuts on top when serving.



Whole Grains Storage Guide

Heat, air and light can make whole grains taste and smell spoiled. Store whole grains in a cool, dry and dark location or choose a container that keeps light out. Store in airtight containers.

- Intact whole grains will keep for up to 6 months in the cupboard, longer in the refrigerator, and up to a year in the freezer.
- Ground whole grains will keep for 1 to 3 months in the cupboard or 2 to 6 months in the refrigerator or freezer.

Nutrition Facts

2 servings per container
Serving size 1 cup (392g)

Amount per serving
Calories 360

	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 6g	12%
Saturated Fat 3g	10%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 10mg	2%
Sodium 20mg	4%
Total Carbohydrate 61g	12%
Dietary Fiber 7g	14%
Total Sugars 29g	
Includes 7g Added Sugars	14%
Protein 10g	20%

Vitamin D 5mcg	10%	Calcium 100mg	20%
Iron 2mg	4%	Potassium 107mg	2%
Vitamin A 20mcg	4%	Vitamin C 5mg	10%

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7 Favorite Pancakes

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 5 minutes

Makes: 8 pancakes (4-inch)



Ingredients

- 1½ cups **all-purpose flour**
- 1 Tablespoon **baking powder**
- 1 Tablespoon **sugar**
- ¼ teaspoon **salt**
- ½ teaspoon **spice** such as cinnamon, nutmeg or allspice, if desired
- 1 **egg**
- 1 cup nonfat or 1% **milk** (add 2 more Tablespoons for thinner pancakes)
- 2 Tablespoons **vegetable oil**
- 1 teaspoon **vanilla**, if desired

Directions

1. Mix together the flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a medium bowl. Add the spice, if desired.
2. In a separate bowl, beat the egg until well blended. Add the milk and oil. Add the vanilla, if desired.
3. Add the dry ingredients to the liquids and stir just until the lumps disappear.
4. Lightly grease and preheat a large skillet over medium-high heat. The skillet is hot enough when a few drops of water sprinkled on it skitter and bounce around.
5. Pour ¼ cup of batter per pancake onto the hot skillet. Cook until bubbles come to the surface of the pancake and the edges start to look dry. Turn over. Cook until cooked through and the bottom is golden brown.

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Tip for Making Pancakes Ahead of Time

- Cook and refrigerate pancakes. Enjoy them reheated for up to 2 days.
- Combine the wet ingredients ahead of time. Store them refrigerated up to 2 days.
- Mix the dry ingredients ahead of time and store in a sealed container.

Variations

- This batter also works great in waffle makers!
- No eggs? Replace them with 2 Tablespoons water.
- Replace the milk with buttermilk. Also reduce the baking powder to 2 teaspoons and add ½ teaspoon baking soda.
- Add ½ cup of fruits or vegetables to the liquid ingredients. Try grated or minced fresh apples, berries, mashed bananas, canned pumpkin, grated carrots or zucchini.
- Replace up to half of the flour with whole-wheat flour.
- For oatcakes, replace ½ cup of the flour with oats. Soak the oats in the milk for 5 minutes before mixing them into the batter.
- For corncakes, omit the sugar, replace up to half the flour with cornmeal and add ½ to 1 cup of cooked corn.

8 Popeye Power Smoothie

Prep time: 10 minutes

Makes: 4 cups



Ingredients

- 1 cup orange juice
- ½ cup pineapple juice
- ½ cup low-fat yogurt (or a 5.3-ounce container)
- 1 banana, peeled and sliced
- 2 cups fresh spinach leaves
- 2 cups ice, if desired

Directions

1. Combine all ingredients in a blender.
2. Blend until smooth and serve.

Variations

- ☉ For a thicker smoothie, use frozen fruit or vegetables or ice.
- ☉ Use any type of juice, even juice from canned pineapple.
- ☉ Try plain or vanilla yogurt.

Pumpkin Smoothie in a Cup

Prep time: 5 minutes

Makes: 1 cup

Ingredients

- ¾ cup low-fat vanilla yogurt (or a 5.3-ounce container)
- ½ cup canned pumpkin
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, if desired

Directions

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl or blender.
2. Mix until smooth and serve.

Variation

- ☉ Tastes great as a dip with cut fruit or graham crackers.

The recipe for the Un-beat-able Berry Smoothie shown in the photo is at www.foodhero.org.

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Pumpkin Smoothie

Nutrition Facts

1 serving per container
Serving size 1 cup (241g)

Amount per serving
Calories 200

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 25g	50%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	3%
Trans Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 10mg	2%
Sodium 120mg	3%
Total Carbohydrate 38g	8%
Dietary Fiber 2g	4%
Total Sugars 9g	18%
Includes 20g Added Sugars	40%
Protein 9g	18%

Vitamin D 0mg	0%	Calcium 32mg	7%
Iron 1mg	2%	Potassium 514mg	10%
Vitamin A 497mcg	100%	Vitamin C 4mg	8%

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Popeye Power Smoothie

Nutrition Facts

4 servings per container
Serving size 1 cup (166g)

Amount per serving
Calories 90

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 0.5g	1%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	0%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 35mg	1%
Total Carbohydrate 20g	4%
Dietary Fiber 1g	2%
Total Sugars 7mg	14%
Includes 0g Added Sugars	0%
Protein 3g	6%

Vitamin D 0mg	0%	Calcium 77mg	15%
Iron 1mg	2%	Potassium 350mg	7%
Vitamin A 21mg	4%	Vitamin C 4mg	8%

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11 Fruity French Toast Casserole

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 40 to 60 minutes

Makes: 8 cups



Ingredients

- 8 cups **bread cubes**; try whole-grain bread
- 2 cups **fruit**, sliced or chopped—fresh, frozen or canned
- 4 **eggs**, slightly beaten
- 1 cup nonfat or 1% **milk**
- 2 teaspoons **vanilla**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **sugar**

Topping

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup **margarine** or **butter**, softened
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup **sugar**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **flour**, all purpose or whole wheat

Directions

1. Grease an 8 x 8-inch baking dish or 2-quart casserole dish. Add bread cubes and fruit.
2. In a medium bowl, blend the eggs, milk, vanilla and sugar. Pour over the bread cubes and fruit. Stir gently to wet all of the bread with the egg mixture.
3. Cover and refrigerate until all of the liquid is absorbed (30 minutes), or overnight.
4. Just before baking, remove the casserole from the refrigerator. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
5. Make the topping: In a small bowl, combine the margarine or butter, sugar and flour with a fork until crumbly.
6. Uncover the casserole and sprinkle the topping over the fruit. Bake until completely set and starting to brown (160 degrees F in the center), about 35 to 40 minutes. A longer baking time is needed when the dish is chilled overnight. Serve warm.

Note

- ⦿ This is a great recipe for using up extra bread.

Variations

- ⦿ For the fruit, try peaches, pears, berries, or diced apples.
- ⦿ Lightly sprinkle with cinnamon or other spices such as nutmeg, ground cloves, allspice or cardamom at the end of step 2.
- ⦿ Try topping with a spoonful of yogurt.

Nutrition Facts

8 servings per container
Serving size 1 cup (168g)

Amount per serving
Calories 290

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 9g 18%

Saturated Fat 2g 10%

Trans Fat 0g

Cholesterol 50mg 10%

Sodium 270mg 12%

Total Carbohydrate 44g 16%

Dietary Fiber 1g 4%

Total Sugars 22g

Includes 14g Added Sugars 28%

Protein 8g

Vitamin D 1mg 0% **Calcium** 70mg 6%

Iron 2mg 10% **Potassium** 170mg 4%

Vitamin A 1300mg 14% **Vitamin C** 1mg 2%

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12 Banana Oatmeal Cookies

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 15 minutes

Makes: 14 cookies



Ingredients

- 2 ripe **bananas**
- 1 cup quick-cooking or old fashioned **oats**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon **cinnamon**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon **vanilla**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **raisins**

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a medium bowl, mash the bananas with a fork until mostly smooth.
3. Add the remaining ingredients. Mix well.

4. Drop spoonfuls of dough onto a lightly greased baking sheet. Flatten each cookie with the back of the fork.
5. Bake 10 to 15 minutes until the edges of the cookies are set. Remove from the oven and let cool before serving. Texture will be best when freshly made.

Variations

- Try dried cranberries, apricots or chopped nuts instead of raisins.

Yogurt Fruit Dip

Prep time: 15 minutes

Makes: 1 cup

Ingredients

- 1 cup nonfat **plain yogurt**
- 1 teaspoon **vanilla**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon **cinnamon**
- 1 teaspoon **brown sugar**

Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the yogurt, vanilla, cinnamon and brown sugar. Mix well.
2. Serve with sliced apples, pears or other fruit.

Keep Yogurt Fresh

Keep yogurt in the refrigerator. Cover tightly to keep it from drying out, spoiling or taking on the flavors of other foods. Discard the entire container if any mold has appeared. Freezing yogurt is safe, but the texture will not be the same after thawing.



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13 Blueberry Bling

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Makes: 2 cups



Ingredients

- 3 cups frozen or fresh blueberries
- 2 teaspoons margarine or butter, softened
- 1 Tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 Tablespoon brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup old fashioned oats

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.
2. If using fresh blueberries, wash and drain them. Put the fresh or frozen blueberries in a 9-inch pie plate or an 8" x 8" baking dish.
3. In a small bowl, use a fork to mix the remaining ingredients.
4. Sprinkle the oat mixture over the blueberries.
5. Bake about 25 minutes. Enjoy while warm!

Variation

- For a different taste, try replacing the blueberries with blackberries or diced peaches (drained if canned).

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Banana Oatmeal Cookies

Yogurt Fruit Dip

Blueberry Bling

Nutrition Facts			
7 servings per container			
Serving size 2 cookies (58g)			
Amount per serving			
Calories		120	
% Daily Value*			
Total Fat	1g		1%
Saturated Fat	0g		0%
Trans Fat	0g		
Cholesterol	0mg		0%
Sodium	0mg		0%
Total Carbohydrate	25g		8%
Dietary Fiber	2g		7%
Total Sugars	13g		
Includes 0g Added Sugars			0%
Protein	3g		
Vitamin D	0mg	Iron	15mg
	0%		2%
Iron	1mg	Potassium	211mg
	6%		4%
Vitamin A	1mg	Vitamin C	3mg
	0%		3%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's misdeeds.

Nutrition Facts			
8 servings per container			
Serving size 2 Tbsp (30g)			
Amount per serving			
Calories		20	
% Daily Value*			
Total Fat	0g		0%
Saturated Fat	0g		0%
Trans Fat	0g		
Cholesterol	0mg		0%
Sodium	20mg		1%
Total Carbohydrate	3g		1%
Dietary Fiber	0g		0%
Total Sugars	3g		
Includes 1g Added Sugars			2%
Protein	1g		
Vitamin D	0mg	Calcium	50mg
	0%		4%
Iron	0mg	Potassium	2mg
	0%		0%
Vitamin A	4mg	Vitamin C	0mg
	0%		0%

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Nutrition Facts			
4 servings per container			
Serving size 1/2 cup (131g)			
Amount per serving			
Calories		150	
% Daily Value*			
Total Fat	3g		4%
Saturated Fat	0.6g		3%
Trans Fat	0g		
Cholesterol	0mg		0%
Sodium	25mg		1%
Total Carbohydrate	30g		11%
Dietary Fiber	4g		14%
Total Sugars	16g		
Includes 3g Added Sugars			6%
Protein	3g		
Vitamin D	0mg	Calcium	17mg
	0%		2%
Iron	1mg	Potassium	113mg
	6%		2%
Vitamin A	3mg	Vitamin C	11mg
	0%		12%

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14 Breakfast Banana Split

Prep time: 5 minutes

Makes: 2 banana splits



Ingredients

- 1 small **banana**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup **oat, corn, or granola cereal**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup low-fat vanilla or strawberry **yogurt**
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon **honey**, if desired (skip for children under the age of one)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup canned **pineapple tidbits or chunks**

Directions

1. Peel the banana and split it lengthwise. Place the halves in two separate cereal bowls.
2. Over each banana spoon yogurt, sprinkle cereal and drizzle honey, if desired.
3. Top with pineapple and serve.

Variations

- Try other flavors of low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese.
- Try other fresh, frozen or canned fruits with or in place of the pineapple.
- Add nuts or seeds for more protein.

Fruit Pizza

Ingredients

- 1 **English muffin** (try whole grain)
- 2 Tablespoons **spread** (try reduced fat cream cheese, peanut butter, or sunflower seed butter)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup bite-sized **fruit** (try strawberries, crushed and drained pineapple, raisins, chopped apples, pears or peaches)
- 1 Tablespoon **chopped nuts or seeds**, if desired



Directions

1. Split open the English muffin and toast the halves until lightly browned.
2. Divide the spread and place on both halves.
3. Arrange the fruit on top, and nuts or seeds, if desired. Enjoy right away.

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Nutrition Facts

2 servings per container
Serving size $\frac{1}{2}$ banana split (177g)

Amount per serving
Calories **230**

% Daily Value*

Total Fat 4.5g	9%
Saturated Fat 0.5g	10%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 48mg	2%
Total Carbohydrate 44g	16%
Dietary Fiber 3g	11%
Total Sugars 28g	
Includes 3g Added Sugars	6%
Protein 6g	
Vitamin D 0mcg	0%
Calcium 127mg	10%
Iron 1mg	0%
Potassium 477mg	10%
Vitamin A 4mcg	8%
Vitamin C 1mg	10%

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