

# **Family Food Cent\$**

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## **Nutrition Facts Label: What is it?**

The nutrition facts label is printed on most all of the food and drink we purchase in stores. The label is designed to help you know the serving size, calories, percentage of daily value of a Fats, Cholesterol, Sodium, Carbohydrates, Protein, and Vitamins. Knowing this information will help you make healthy decisions when it comes to purchasing and eating foods.

Here is an example of the Nutrition Facts label.

8 servings per container Serving size 2/3 cup	(55g)	—1	The serving size appears i large bold font.
	<b>30</b> Value*	-2	Calories are displayed in larger bolder font so that it stands out more
Total Fat 8g	10%		
Saturated Fat 1g	5%	— 3	Lists the amount of the Daily Value.
Trans Fat 0g			Dally value.
Cholesterol Omg	0%		
Sodium 160mg	7%		
Total Carbohydrate 37g	13%		
Dietary Fiber 4g	14%		
Total Sugars 12g			
Includes 10g Added Sugars	20%	— 4	The percentage and
Protein 3g			amount of Added sugars and vitamins and minerals
Vitamin D 2mcg	10%		and vitamins and minerals are listed
Calcium 260mg	20%		
Iron 8mg	45%		
Potassium 235mg	6%		

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# Nutrition Facts Label: What to look for.

While it is easy to spot the Nutrition Facts label, it may not be as easy to understand what the information all means. Below is helpful information on reading the nutrition facts label and things to look for when making healthy food choices.

- Serving Information
  - o This is the first thing you'll see on the top of the label. It is not telling you how much to eat. Instead, it explains how many or how much of the food to eat in order to obtain the listed amount of calories, sugars, etc. listed on the rest of the label so it is important to pay attention to it.
- Calories
  - o Keep in mind to aim for a total of 2,000 calories per day. The large, bold amount of calories listed on the label, is per serving. If you consume two servings of the food, you would need to double the calories to know how close you are to reaching 2,000 calories.
- Nutrients
  - Nutrients you want less of are saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars so aim for small amounts of those. Nutrients you want more of are dietary fiber, vitamin D, calcium, iron and potassium so aim for large amounts of those nutrients.
- The Percent Daily value (%DV)
  - o This is a guide to the nutrients in one serving of food. For example, if the label lists 15% for calcium, it means that one serving provides 15% of the calcium you need each day. Even if your diet is higher or lower in calories, you can still use this as a guide.





This recipe is flexible. Add different veggies and experiment with different proteins as well.



Scrumptious, sweet salsa that will be a party favorite. Use a tart apple variety for best results.

## Pasta Primavera

Makes 3 Servings

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 cup noodles, uncooked
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 cups mixed vegetables (chopped)
- 1 cup tomatoes (chopped)
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper 3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese

#### **Directions:**

Cook noodles according to package directions. While noodles are cooking, heat oil in a skillet. Add vegetables and sauté until tender, stirring constantly. Add tomato and cook 2 more minutes. Toss vegetables with noodles, margarine, and seasonings. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Nutritional Information per serving: Total Calories 336; Total Fat 11 g; Protein 11 g; Carbohydrates 48 g; Dietary Fiber 8 g; Saturated Fat 2 g; Sodium 147 mg

# **Pear Party Salsa**

Makes 4 Servings

## **Ingredients:**

- 1 pear (cored and finely chopped)
- 1 apple (cored and finely chopped)
- 2 kiwi (cored and finely chopped)
- 1 orange (peeled and finely chopped)
- 2 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- cinnamon graham crackers (optional)

## **Directions:**

Combine pear, apple, kiwi, and orange in a medium-size bowl. Pour honey and lemon juice over fruit and gently toss. Scoop up bites of fruit salsa using bites of cinnamon graham crackers (optional).

Nutritional Information per serving:

Total Calories 112; Total Fat 0 g; Protein 1 g; Carbohydrates 29 g; Dietary Fiber 4 g; Saturated Fat 0 g; Sodium 2 mg



Bring another serving of vegetables and important nutrients to your plate with this veggie-filled twist on classic fajitas.

## **Mushroom Steak Fajitas**

#### Makes 4 Servings

#### **Ingredients:**

12-ounce sirloin or other boneless steak (about 3/4-inch thick) 3 cup sliced cremini mushrooms 1 tablespoon no-salt fiesta lime seasoning (divided) 1 tablespoon olive oil

1 cup green bell pepper slices 1 medium red bell pepper (sliced into strips)

#### **Directions:**

1 medium yellow bell pepper (sliced into strips)

- 8 whole-wheat tortillas (6-inch)
- 1 medium tomato (diced)
- 2 cup shredded iceberg lettuce
- 4 tablespoon non-fat sour cream

Slice beef across the grain into 1/4-inch strips. Place in a medium bowl with 1/2 tbsp fiesta lime seasoning; toss to coat. Place mushrooms, peppers, and onion and remaining fiesta lime seasoning in a large bowl; toss to coat. Heat oil in large, non-stick skillet. Add beef strips; cook about 3-4 minutes. Remove from skillet. Place coated vegetables in skillet and sauté until vegetables are slightly tender, about 5-8 minutes. Add beef back to skillet and sauté mixture 1-2 more minutes. Assemble fajitas by dividing beef-vegetable mixture evenly on each tortilla, top with remaining ingredients and roll up.

Nutritional Information per serving:

Total Calories 430; Total Fat 16 g; Protein 27 g; Carbohydrates 46 g; Dietary Fiber 7 g; Saturated Fat 5 g; Sodium 590 mg



Overnight soaking cuts down on prep time in the morning, so you can enjoy a healthy and hearty, cooked breakfast.

## **Overnight Oatmeal**

Makes 2 Servings

## **Ingredients:**

cup dry oatmeal
1/2 cup water
cup dried fruit (raisins, cranberries or apricots)
cup walnuts, lightly chopped (or pecans)

## **Directions:**

Put all ingredients in a cooking pot and cover. Let sit overnight in refrigerator. In the morning, put on a stove burner and cook on medium heat until simmering, then turn on low and heat for 10-15 minutes more or less depending on type of oats, quick (5 mins), regular, or steel cut. Serve warm with a little milk (or milk alternative), a drizzle of maple syrup, and a side of fresh fruit, if desired.

Nutritional Information per serving:

Total Calories 333; Total Fat 14 g; Protein 8 g; Carbohydrates 50 g; Dietary Fiber 7 g; Saturated Fat 2 g; Sodium 27 mg