

Nutrition Facts Label

The Nutrition Facts label tells you what is in a food or drink. It gives you the information you need to make healthy choices.

This handout shows you what to look at on the Nutrition Facts label.

Serving size: One serving of this food (2/3 cup on this label) contains the nutrient amounts listed below.

Choose foods <u>low</u> in **Saturated Fat, Trans Fat, and Sodium.** Too much can increase your risk of heart disease.

 Foods LOW in these would have a % Daily Value of 5% or less.

Choose foods <u>high</u> in **Dietary Fiber**, **Vitamins**, and **Minerals**. These nutrients keep you healthy and help lower your risk for disease.

- Foods HIGH in these would have a % Daily Value of 20% or more.
- Foods may have other vitamins and minerals that are not listed.

Nutrition Facts 8 servings per container 2/3 cup (55g) Serving size Amount per serving 230 Calories % Daily Value Total Fat 8q 10% Saturated Fat 1g 5% Trans Fat 0g Cholesterol 0mg 0% Sodium 160mg 7% Total Carbohydrate 37g 13% Dietary Fiber 4g 14% Total Sugars 12g Includes 10g Added Sugars 20% Protein 3g Vitamin D 2mcg 10% 20% Calcium 260mg 45% Iron 8mg Potassium 240mg 6% The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.

Ingredients List: The ingredients are listed in order from most to least.

This shows the number of calories in one serving of this food. **Calories** are a way to measure the amount of energy in a food.

The % **Daily Value (DV)** is the percentage of each nutrient in one serving compared to the daily suggested amount.

- 5% or less = LOW in the nutrient
- 6-19% = FAIR in the nutrient
- 20% or more = HIGH in the nutrient

Added Sugar is what is added to a food or drink to make it taste sweeter. It is found in soda, fruit drinks, candy, cookies, and other snack foods.

Choose foods LOW in Added Sugar.