Planning Guide to Balanced Meals



Fruits- 1 Serving is equivalent to:

1 Apple	1 Banana	Berries	Canned	Cherries	Grapefruit	Grapes
(small)	(small)	1 cup	Fruit ½ cup	(Fresh)	½ medium	(17 small)
				1 cup		
Mandarin	1 Orange	Peach,	Pear	Pineapple,	Plums	Raisins
³₄ cup	(small)	Fresh	½ large	(Fresh) ³ / ₄	(2 small)	(2 T.)
Oranges		(small)		cup		







Non-starchy Vegetables-1 Serving is equivalent to: $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cooked or 1 cup raw

Artichoke	Asparagus	Beans,	Bean Sprouts	Beets	Broccoli	Brussels Sprouts	Cabbage	Carrots
Cauliflower	Celery	Cucumber	Eggplant	Green Onions	Pea Pods	Peppers	Radishes	Salad Greens- 2 cups= 1serving
Sauerkraut	Spinach	Squash (summer)	Tomato	Turnips	Vegetable Juice	Water Chestnuts	Zucchini	







Starchy Vegetables - 1 serving is equivalent to: ½ cup

Corn	Dried beans	Peas	Potato	Sweet Potato





Starches- 1 serving is equivalent to: 1 oz portion/28 grams

Bread	Biscuit	Buns	Cereal (cold)	Cereal	Corn bread	Crackers
1 slice regular calorie	2 ½ in	½ bun	unsweetened 3/4 cup	(cooked) ½ cup	2 in sq.	(saltines) 6 crackers
English	Pancake	Pasta	Pita	Rice	Popcorn	Waffle
Muffin $\frac{1}{2}$ muffin	4 inch round	½ cup	6 inch (half)	½ cup	3 cups	1 standard

* Choose Whole Grains



Milk-1 serving is equivalent to:



Milk	Cheese	Yogurt	Cottage Cheese
1cup	1 ½ oz or 1/3 cup	1 cup	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup is equivalent to $\frac{1}{4}$
	shredded		cup of milk

*Choose low fat dairy products



Meat- 1 ounce serving is equivalent to:



Lean Beef	Eggs 1 or	Cottage Cheese	Dried beans	Game
(1oz.) 2 whites/or		$(\frac{1}{4} \text{ cup})$ (1/2 cup)		(1 oz.)
	½ cup egg beaters			
Fish or Shellfish	Lamb	Peanut Butter	Pork	Poultry
(1 oz.)	(1 oz.)		(1 oz.)	(1 oz.)

*Choose Lean Meat



Fats: 1 serving is equivalent:



Bacon	Canola Oil	Cr Cheese	Margarine	Mayo	Mayo (LF)	Mixed nuts
1 slice	1 tsp.	1 T.	(1 tsp.)	(1 †.)	(1 T.)	(6)