

Get Your A's, B's, & C's

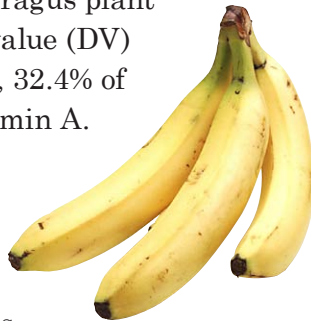
WITH FRUITS & VEGGIES



To help you understand how much nutrition a particular food contains, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) came up with % Daily Value (DV) – meaning how much a food provides as a percentage of the recommended daily intake. Percent DV is based on the needs of an adult consuming a 2,000-calorie diet. Here are the fruits and vegetables that contain high amounts of vitamins A, B, C, and more, based on percentage of the daily recommended intake (% DV):

Asparagus

The tender shoots of an asparagus plant provide 114.8% of the daily value (DV) of vitamin K, 65.7% of folate, 32.4% of vitamin C, and 19.4% of vitamin A.



Bananas

Bananas are the top-selling tropical fruit in the United States. Each banana provides 34% of the DV of vitamin B6. They also contain vitamin C, potassium, fiber, and manganese.

Bell Peppers

The sweet red bell pepper is packed with 291.3% of the DV of vitamin C and 104.9% of vitamin A. Slice them up for a delicious edition to almost any meal.



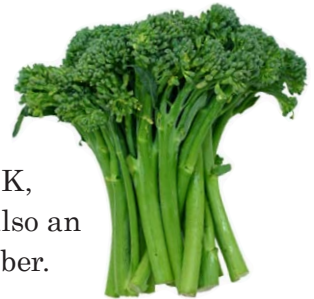
Berries

Raspberries provide 62% of the DV of manganese and 51.3% of vitamin C. They also contain 33.4% of the DV of fiber. Strawberries are an excellent source of vitamin C (136.1% DV).



Broccoli

One cup of steamed broccoli contains 205.7% of the DV of vitamin C, 194% of vitamin K, and 45.6% of vitamin A. It is also an excellent source of folate and fiber.



Brussels Sprouts

This member of the cabbage family is filled with vitamins K (273.5% DV) and C (161.2% DV).

Cabbage

A serving of this hardy, inexpensive vegetable provides 91.7% of the DV of vitamin K and 50.3% of vitamin C.

Cantaloupe

Cantaloupes, the most popular melon in the United States, provide 112.5% of the DV vitamin of C and 103.2% of vitamin A.

Carrots

This family favorite is bursting with vitamin A – providing 686.3% of the DV in just 1 serving.



% Daily Value tells you if a serving of food provides the recommended daily intake of nutrients.

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Cauliflower

Far from being a citrus, cauliflower still provides an impressive 91.5% of the DV of vitamin C per serving.

Kiwi

Though small, each kiwifruit packs a powerful punch when it comes to vitamin C. Just one serving gives you 95% of the DV of vitamin C.



Greens

A Southern favorite, greens are filled with nutrients. If you're looking for the vegetable with the highest vitamin K, look at kale. A serving of kale provides 1327.6% of the DV. It's also high in vitamin A (192.4% DV) and vitamin C (88.8% DV).

Spinach is a popular green, leafy vegetable – enjoyed raw or cooked. It's also high in vitamin K (1110.6% DV), vitamin A (377.3% DV), manganese (84% DV), and folate (65.7% DV).



Collard greens provide 880% of the DV of vitamin K, 118.9% of vitamin A, 57.6% of vitamin C, 53.5% of manganese, and more. Mustard greens contain 524.1% of the DV of vitamin K, 84.9% of vitamin A, 59% of vitamin C, plus other nutrients.

Oranges

Sweet and juicy, oranges are a perfect dessert. They are also high in vitamin C. Each orange contains 116.2% of the DV.

Papaya

These exotic fruits provide 313.1% of the DV of vitamin C. They are also good sources of folate and potassium.

Pineapple

A cup of juicy pineapple chunks contains 128% of the recommended daily intake of manganese and 39.8% of vitamin C.



Romaine Lettuce

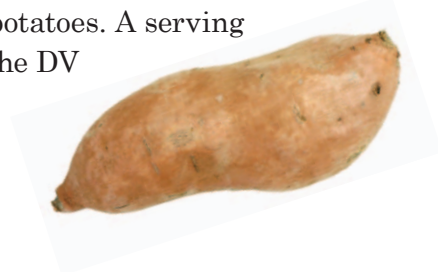
Some lettuce does little more than provide bulk. But if you eat a salad made with romaine lettuce, you're getting good nutritional value. One 2-cup serving contains 143.5% of the DV of vitamin K, 58.2% of vitamin A, and lots of vitamin C, folate, and manganese.

Sunflower Seeds

If you're looking for a nutritious snack, munch on some sunflower seeds. A quarter cup provides 90.5% of the DV of vitamin E, and 54.7% of thiamine (vitamin B1).

Sweet Potatoes

These naturally sweet potatoes are a nutritious alternative to white potatoes. A serving gives you 262.2% of the DV of vitamin A as well as vitamin C and manganese.



Squash

The deeper the color, the more beta-carotene (an A vitamin) a squash contains. Butternut squash provides 457% of the DV of vitamin A and 52% of vitamin C. It's also a good source of manganese, potassium, magnesium, and vitamin E. A quarter-cup of dried pumpkin seeds provides 28.7% of the DV of iron, 46.1% of magnesium, and 52% of manganese.

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