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Fruits are abundant year round for many uses. They are tasty and convenient simply eaten "as is", but they are equally delicious when sliced into a salad and tossed with a tangy dressing, baked in a tart-sweet pie, as a topping for cakes or ice cream, as an accompaniment to meat, fish or chicken, or cooked into any one of a number of savory jams, conserves, relishes or sauces.

Things to Know

Fruits are an important part of a balanced diet because they are high in vitamins and low in fats and calories.

- ◆ A diet should include 3-5 servings daily from the fruit group in the Food Guide Pyramid.
- ♦ One fruit serving is:
 - 1 medium apple, banana, or orange
 - ½ grapefruit
 - ½ cup chopped, raw, cooked, or canned fruit
 - 1/4 cup dried fruit
 - 3/4 cup fruit juice
- ♦ Because of their excellent vitamin content and low calories, fruits make good snack and dessert choices.
- Fruit puree can be substituted for fat in many recipes.
- Fruit jams and pies should be eaten sparingly as they are high in calories and sugar.

Shopping Skills

When buying fruits:

- ♦ To get the most for your money, compare prices at the grocery store.
- Buy from local farmers and stands.
- ♦ Buy only the amount you can use in a few days.
- Look for fruits that are bright in color and free from bruises.
- Canned fruits may be the best buy when fresh fruits are not in season.
- Select frozen fruits that are loosely packaged rather than frozen in a solid block.
- Pick fruit that is heavy for its size.



♦ Buy fresh fruits in season to save money.

Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall 🔪
Grapefruit Kiwi fruit Oranges	Berries Pineapple Rubarb	Apricots Berries Cantaloupe Cherries Grapes	Apples Cranberries Grapes
		Honeydew Peaches	Year Round
		Pears Plums Watermelon	Apples Bananas Papaya

Preparation Skills

- ♦ When preparing fruit:
 - > Wash thoroughly
 - > Leave peels on whenever possible
 - Cut pieces small enough to eat easily, but large enough to recognize type of fruit.
 - > Some cut fruit surfaces will turn brown when exposed to air. To prevent this, dip the pieces in lemon juice.

Storage

- ♦ Store ripe fruits in the refrigerator. Apricots, bananas, cantaloupe, kiwi, and plums may be ripened further at room temperature before refrigeration.
- ♦ Bananas may be stored at room temperature as well as in the refrigerator. The skin of ripe bananas stored in the refrigerator will turn brown but the fruit will stay white. Bananas can also be frozen in their skins until ready to eat.
- ♦ Store watermelon in a cool place (55-70 degrees F.).
- ♦ Store canned and dried fruit in a cool, dry place.
- ♦ Throw away fruits that have been stored too long and smell bad and are moldy or slimy.
- ♦ Overripe bananas can be mashed, stored in air tight containers, and frozen to be used later in banana bread.
- ♦ Most fresh fruits last only a few days after ripening. Therefore, buy only what you can use in that period of time.



Fruit Slaw

Ingredients:

1 (20 oz.) can pineapple chunks (juice pack)

4 cups shredded cabbage

1 1/3 chopped red apple

1 cup shredded carrot

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped green pepper

2 Tbsp. cooking oil

2 Tbsp. honey

2 Tbsp. lemon juice

 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. ground ginger or gingerroot

 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. salt

Directions:

Drain pineapple chunks, reserving 4 Tbsp. of juice. Set juice aside. In a large bowl combine pineapple, cabbage, apple, carrot and green pepper. In a separate bowl or dressing jar combine reserved pineapple juice, oil, honey, lemon juice and ginger. Stir or cover and shake well. Pour dressing over salad. Toss lightly to coat. Chill 424 hours. Toss again before serving. Serve with a slotted spoon.

Fruit Slaw Nutrition Facts			
Serving Size Servings Per Conta	iner	1/2	cup 18
Amount per servi Calories 54	_	ories from Fat	: 15
		% Daily \	Value
Total Fat 13g			3%
Saturated Fat 5	g		1%
Cholesterol 30 mg	9		0%
Sodium 660 mg			2%
Total Carbohydrate	e 5g		3%
Dietary Fiber 0g	I		5%
Sugars 5g			
Protein 5g			
Vitamin A	36%	Vitamin C	29%
Calcium	1%	Iron	2%



Splendid Fruit Salad

Ingredients:

3 Tbsp. frozen orange juice concentrate

2 apples chopped with peel

1 banana peeled and sliced

1 orange, peeled and cut into pieces

Directions:

Place concentrate and fruit in a bowl. Toss lightly to coat. Chill or serve immediately. Fruits include: grapes, melons, pineapple, strawberries, or any in-season fruit.

Splendid Fruit Salad Nutrition Facts			
Serving Size Servings Per Contain	iner	1/2 c	up 4
Amount per servi Calories 97	_	ries from Fat	50
		% Daily \	/alue
Total Fat 13g			1%
Saturated Fat 5g)		0%
Cholesterol 30 mg	ļ		0%
Sodium 660 mg			0%
Total Carbohydrate	e 5g		8%
Dietary Fiber 0g			15%
Sugars 5g			
Protein 5g			
Vitamin A	3%	Vitamin C	69%
Calcium	2%	Iron	1%



Honey Bee Ambrosia

Ingredients:

2 oranges, peeled and cut into pieces

1 banana, peeled and sliced

strawberries, halved, or in-season fruit

2 tsp. cornstarch

½ cup orange juice

½ cup honey

2 Tbsp. lemon juice

Directions:

Prepare and place fruit in a bowl. Combine cornstarch, orange juice, honey, and lemon juice in a saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring constantly until thickened. Cool and pour over fruit. Sprinkle 1/3 cup flaked coconut over top, if desired.

Yield: 4 servings

Honey Bee Ambrosia Nutrition Facts			
Serving Size Servings Per Contai	ner	1/2	cup 4
Amount per servin	•	ories from Fa	t 3
		% Daily	Value
Total Fat 13g			1%
Saturated Fat 5g	l		%
Cholesterol 30 mg			0%
Sodium 660 mg			0%
Total Carbohydrate	5g		19%
Dietary Fiber 0g			18%
Sugars 5g			
Protein 5g			
Vitamin A	4%	Vitamin C	125%
Calcium	4%	Iron	3%



Waldorf Salad

Ingredients:

1 cup celery, diced 2 apples, diced 1/2 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt 1 tsp. lemon juice1 tsp. sugar (optional)1/2 cup walnuts, chopped, optional

Directions:

Wash and dice celery and apples; chop walnuts (if used). Combine celery, apples and walnuts (optional) in a mixing bowl. In a different bowl, combine salad dressing or yogurt with the lemon juice and sugar, add to the celery and apple mixture. Mix the dressing into the fruit. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Variations: To decrease fat and calories, omit the walnuts.

Light salad dressing or Mayonnaise substitute can be used instead of yogurt.

Serving Suggestion: Serve with a meal or separately as a snack or dessert.

Yield: 6 servings

Waldorf Salad Nutrition Facts			
Serving Size Servings Per Conta	iner	1/2 c	up 4
Amount per servi Calories 97		ries from Fat	50
		% Daily \	/alue
Total Fat 13g			9%
Saturated Fat 5	g		3%
Cholesterol 30 mg)		0%
Sodium 660 mg			1%
Total Carbohydrate	e 5g		4%
Dietary Fiber 0g			7%
Sugars 5g			
Protein 5g			
Vitamin A	1%	Vitamin C	7%
Calcium	5%	Iron	2%