

# HOW TO READ A **Nutrition Label**



## **SERVING SIZE**

The nutrient and calorie amounts are based on one serving size, so if you eat more than the amount of one serving, you'll need to adjust the totals accordingly. Serving sizes reflect typical consumption, not recommended portions.

## **NUTRIENTS**

The label highlights nutrients you should *limit*, like saturated and trans fats, sodium, and added sugars, as these can increase the risk of health issues. Note that added sugars are listed separately from natural sugars, which are naturally present in food and beverages like milk and fruit.

The label also lists nutrients you should consume *more*, such as fiber, calcium, potassium, vitamin D, and iron. These support digestion, lower blood cholesterol levels, and reduce the risk of high blood pressure.

Note that you may need less or more than 2,000 calories and therefore different nutrient limits.

#### Learn more on:

- Nutrient limits for a 2,000calorie diet:
  - https://shorturl.at/TNX6e
- Your estimated calorie needs: https://shorturl.at/6SmWH
- Other formats of the nutrition label: <u>https://shorturl.at/1sVuv</u>
- FoodFight USA: https://foodfightusa.com/

## **Nutrition Facts**

8 servings per container

Serving size 2/3 cup (55g)

Amount per serving Calories

Calcium 260mg

Potassium 240mg

Iron 8mg

230

20%

45%

6%

% Daily Value\* Total Fat 8g 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 10% Vitamin D 2mcg

\* 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: ENRICHED FLOUR (WHEAT FLOUR, NIACIN, REDUCED IRON, THIAMIN MONONITRATE [VITAMIN B1], RIBOFLAVIN [VITAMIN B2], FOLIC ACID), CORN SYRUP, SUGAR, SOYBEAN AND PALM OIL (WITH TBHQ FOR FRESHNESS), CORN SYRUP SOLIDS, DEXTROSE, HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP, FRUCTOSE, GLYCERIN, CONTAINS 2% OR LESS OF COCOA (PROCESSED WITH ALKALI), POLYDEXTROSE, MODIFIED CORN STARCH, SALT, DRIED CREAM, CALCIUM CARBONATE, CORNSTARCH, LEAVENING (BAKING SODA, SODIUM ACID PROPHOSPHATE, MONOCALCIUM PHOSPHATE, CALCIUM SULFATE), DISTILLED MONOGLYCERIDES, HYDROGENATED PALM KERNEL OIL, SODIUM STEAROYL LACTYLATE, GELATIN, COLOR ADDED, SOY LECITHIN, DATEM, NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL FLAVOR, VANILLA EXTRACT, CARNAUBA WAX, XANTHAN GUM, VITAMIN A PALMITATE, YELLOW #5 LAKE, RED #40 LAKE, CARAMEL COLOR, NIACINAMIDE, BLUE #2 LAKE, REDUCED IRON, YELLOW #6 LAKE, PYRIDOXINE HYDROCHLORIDE (VITAMIN B6), RIBOFLAVIN (VITAMIN B2), THIAMIN HYDROCHLORIDE (VITAMIN B1), CITRIC ACID, FOLIC ACID, RED #40, YELLOW #5, YELLOW #6, BLUE #2, BLUE #1.

### **CALORIES**

Calories indicate the amount of energy you get from one serving of this food. Labels are based on a 2,000-calorie diet, but individual needs vary depending on factors like age, gender, and activity level.



## PERCENT DAILY VALUE (%DV)

The %DV shows how much one serving contributes to your daily nutrient needs. The numbers in this column don't add up to 100% because each %DV represents the percentage of the recommended daily intake for that nutrient in a serving of this food. For example, a 7%DV for sodium means you have 93% of sodium remaining before you reach the daily recommended value.

A %DV of 5% or less is generally considered low, while 20% or more is high. Use %DV to compare products and balance nutrients throughout the day based on your personal dietary goals.

## **INGREDIENTS**

The ingredients list below the nutrition label is also important. If you see ingredients you can't pronounce or you wouldn't typically find in your kitchen, the food could be ultraprocessed with industrial ingredients like high-fructose corn syrup or synthetic food dyes, which are designed to improve taste, texture, and shelf life but may have harmful effects. Instead, choose foods with simple, whole ingredients.