**Yogurt Basics**

**Store Well**
- Keep yogurt in the refrigerator. Cover tightly to keep it from drying out, spoiling, or taking on the flavors of other foods in the refrigerator.
- If stored well (refrigerated and covered), yogurt is safe to eat after the ‘use by’ date but the flavor may be more tart and the liquid may have separated out. (It will need to be stirred.)
- Discard the entire container if any mold has appeared.
- Freezing yogurt is safe but the texture will change. Use it for baking and in smoothies.

**Waste Less**
- Store brands may be less expensive than national brands.
- Buying yogurt in larger containers instead of single serving cups may save you money. Check the cost per ounce on the grocery shelf price tag.
- Check the ‘best by’ or ‘use by’ date on the package and choose the longest time for use.
- Different types of yogurt contain different nutrients. Compare nutrition facts and prices for a good buy.

**Types of Yogurt**

**Dairy** yogurt has been made from milk for centuries and is important to many cultures. Yogurts traditional to the United States, Greece, and other countries vary by texture, flavor and nutrients, especially protein and total sugars.

**Non-dairy** yogurt is made from oat, soy, almond and other plant milks. The nutrients provided may be very different than dairy yogurt.

**Flavored** yogurt is sweetened by added sugars or sugar substitutes and fruit or other flavors.

**Plain** yogurt has no added sugar and can be flavored in many ways, from sweet to savory.

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**Food Hero Yogurt Parfait**

Yogurt provides calcium, protein, probiotic bacteria and other healthful nutrients.

**Food Hero**

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Drinkable Yogurt

Ingredients:
• ½ cup nonfat plain yogurt
• ½ cup 100% fruit juice

Directions:
1. Add yogurt and juice to a clean jar or other container with a lid.
2. Close lid and shake; serve cold.
3. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Makes 1 cup Prep time: 5 minutes

Go to FoodHero.org for easy, tasty recipes using yogurt

Fruit Smoothie 1 (with yogurt)

Ingredients:
• 2 cups fresh, frozen or canned (drained) fruit
• 1 cup nonfat plain yogurt
• 1 cup orange juice
• 6 ice cubes, crushed

Directions:
1. Place all ingredients in a blender.
2. Blend until smooth.
3. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Makes 4 cups Prep time: 5 minutes

When kids help make healthy food, they are more likely to try it. Show kids how to:
• measure yogurt or other ingredients.
• mix or shake the ingredients.
• wash and cut fruit or vegetables.

Savory Yogurt Spread

Ingredients:
• ½ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
• ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
• ¼ teaspoon basil or cumin
• ¼ teaspoon oregano
• ⅛ teaspoon each salt and pepper

Directions:
1. Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and mix well. Add other seasonings as desired.
2. Use as a spread for wraps or sandwiches, a topping for tacos or a dip for raw veggies.
3. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Note:
No Greek yogurt? Mix ⅓ cup nonfat plain yogurt with ¼ cup (2 ounces) of softened low-fat cream cheese and seasonings.

Makes ½ cup Prep time: 5 minutes

Yogurt Fruit Dip

Ingredients:
• 1 cup nonfat or lowfat plain yogurt
• 1 teaspoon vanilla
• ½ teaspoon cinnamon
• 1 teaspoon brown sugar

Directions:
1. In a small bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well.
2. Serve with sliced apples or other fruit.
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Makes 1 cup Prep time: 5 minutes

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