| LIST 1 <br> THESE FOODS WON'T RAI SE YOUR SUGAR AS LONG AS THEY ARE SUGAR FREE AND FAT FREE | LIST 2 <br> THESE ARE THE FOODS YOU CAN CHOOSE TO EAT THE MOST. HAVE THEM I N SMALL PORTI ONS TO KEEP YOUR SUGAR LOW- THE CARBOHYDRATES ARE MARKED WITH AN * | LIST 3 <br> THESE FOODS CAN RAI SE YOUR BLOOD SUGAR EVEN IN SMALL AMOUNTS <br> These include all high sugar and high fat foods *** watch for foods w/ High Fructose Corn Syrup*** |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vegetables, fresh, frozen, canned | *Starchy vegetables, boiled or steamed-no or little fat added | Meats - high fat |
| Asparagus, fresh beets, broccoli, | *Acorn or any winter squash | Bacon, sausage, salt pork |
| Cabbage, cauliflower | *Corn, hominy, peas | Fried eggs, fried meats |
| Carrots, celery, cucumbers | *Potatoes, white or sweet, yams | Hot dogs, bologne |
| Green beans, green peppers | * Other starchy foods | Lunch meats cured w/sugar, etc |
| Lettuce, sprouts, mushrooms | *Bread - whole grains | Fats |
| Mustard or any greens | *Dried beans or peas | Gravy |
| Okra, onions, poke greens | *whole grain pasta-macaroni, noodles, brown rice | Butter, margarine, oil, mayonaise (more than 1 tsp) |
| Radishes, rhubarb, spinach | * whole grain crackers, snacks | High fat dairy foods |
| Tomatoes, vegetable juices | Meats - baked, broiled, or boiled | All cheeses (over 1 oz) |
| Wild onions, yellow beans | Chicken, fish, game meats | Processed cheese, cheese sauces |
| Yellow and spagetti squash | Water packed fish \& meats | Cream, creamed foods or soups |
| Zucchini | Extra lean lunch meats | Ice cream, reg. puddings |
| Sugar free foods | Lean beef and pork (steak, burgers) | Whole milk and 2\% |
| Candy, hard (2), chewing gum | Nuts | Coffee creamers |
| Coffee, tea, Crystal Light, Koolaid | Nut butters - ck to make sure only contains the nuts and salt | Other high fat foods *avoid trans fats* |
| J ello | Dry roasted nuts | Chips, crackers - w/simple carbs |
| J elly (1 tsp) | * Dairy \& eggs - low fat | Corn bread, dumplings, biscuits |
| Syrup | Cheese from skim milk | Any fried foods |
| Sugar substitutes | Cottage cheese - low or non fat | Nuts - roasted in oil |
| Seasonings | Eggs boiled or poached - no oil | Peanut butter - commercial brands |
| Flavorings (vanilla, almond, butter, walnut, peppermint, etc) | Eggbeaters scrambled or omelettes with use olive oil or Pam | Pies, cookies, frosted cakes, doughnuts, chocolate |
| Herbs, pepper, garlic or onion pwdr | Lite margarine or butter | Grease and lard |
| Lemon or lime juice | Light mayonnaise | High sugar foods |
| Any spices | *Milk fat free, 1\% | Cakes, cookies, candy, fried fruit |
| Vinegar | *Pudding - fat and sugar free | Fruit drinks, fruit juice, Hi-C, Tang, Gatorade, koolaid |
| Other | *Salad dressings (have regular kind) | Jellies, jams, honey, molasses, syrup |
| Club soda | *Yogurt - fat and sugar free | Popsicles |
| Cocoa powder | * Fruits and juices | Reg. Jello, pop, |
| Broth, low sodium | *Canned - use packed in own juice | Sugar, brown sugar, powdered |
| Avoid SF foods w/refined flours | *Fresh - small piece, 1/2 to 1 cup | Other |
| Limit diet soft drinks | *Juice - 1/2 cup | Beer, wine, hard liquor |

# Choosing good foods 

Using the Foods List

Think about the foods you usually eat and find them on this list. For the ones that are not on the list, think which column they would fall into.

To find out how certain foods affect your blood sugars, check your sugar 1 hour after beginning your meal. Foods from all 3 lists can effect everyone differently.
Encourage your family to eat the foods that you do. Diabetes is a family disease and you can prevent your children from getting Diabetes by changing how they eat and helping them become more active. Boil, broil, bake, microwave, grill or steam your foods. Fried or high fat foods raise blood sugar. *Read the ingredient list to see what is in the food you are choosing.

LIST 1: You may eat as many vegetables and seasonings as you like. Limit sugar free jellies, candies, and syrups to 3 servings a day.

LIST 2: Eat a variety of these foods. Limit the amount you eat. **Read the label to see what a serving size is for each food. See approximate serving sizes below:

| Starchy Foods: | Proteins: |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1/2 cup starchy vegetable | 10unces** lean meat, fish, fowl, or pork |
| 1 slice bread | **3-4 ounces of cooked meat is about the size |
| 1/2 cup cooked cereal | of a deck of cards or the palm of your hand |
| 1/2 to $3 / 4$ cup dry cereal | 1 small hamburger or $1 / 2$ of a whole chicken |
| $1 / 2$ cup macaroni or pasta | breast |
| Fruits: 2 servings a day, eat w/a meal | 1 egg or $1 / 4$ cup eggbeaters |
| consider having half portions at a time | 1 ounce lunch meat |
| $1 / 2$ cup or tennis ball size fruit | 1 ounce hard cheese |
| $1 / 2$ banana or grapefruit | $1 / 4$ cup cottage cheese - non or low fat |
| 2 Tbs raisins | 1 ounce nuts or 1 Tbs peanut or almond butter* |
| $11 / 2$ cup juice (make sure to ck sugar after) | *also counts as 1 Fat |
| Dairy: | Fats: 3 servings a day *read labels* |
| 1 cup skim/non-fat or $1 \%$ milk | choose unsaturated fats-avoid saturated |
| 1 cup plain yogurt or 6 oz fruit-nonfat/sugar free | 1 tsp any oil (monounsaturated oils are best) |
| $1 / 2$ cup pudding - fat free/sugar free | 2 tsp lo-fat marg or mayo/1 tsp reg. marg or mayo |
| 1/3 cup powdered milk | salad dressings ck for carbs and serving size |

List 3: It is best to have none or very little from this list. These foods make it harder for
you to keep your blood sugar and weight in control.

