

ESSENTIAL UPDATES

The New Food Pyramid

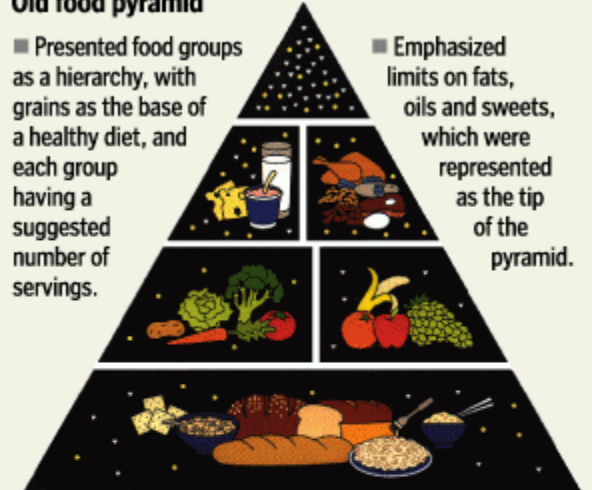
Exercise

- Adults should be physically active for at least 30 minutes most days of the week, children for 60 minutes.
- Sixty to 90 minutes of daily physical activity may be needed to prevent weight gain or sustain weight loss.



Old food pyramid

- Presented food groups as a hierarchy, with grains as the base of a healthy diet, and each group having a suggested number of servings.
- Emphasized limits on fats, oils and sweets, which were represented as the tip of the pyramid.



Oils

- Most fat should be from fish, nuts and vegetable oils.
- Limit solid fats, such as butter, margarine or lard.
- Keep consumption of saturated fats, trans fats and sodium low.
- Choose foods low in added sugar.

CATEGORY	Grains	Vegetables	Fruits	Milk	Meat and beans
RECOMMENDATION	Half of all grains consumed should be whole grains.	Vary the types of vegetables you eat.	Eat a variety of fruits. Go easy on juices.	Eat low-fat or fat-free dairy products.	Eat lean cuts, seafood and beans. Avoid frying.
DAILY AMOUNT	6 oz.	2.5 cups	2 cups	3 cups	5.5 oz.

Based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

Recommended nutrient intakes at 12-calorie levels can be found on mypyramid.gov.