# Wholesome Whole Grains

# Whole-grain food



NOT a wholegrain food

INGREDIENTS: ENRICHED FLOUR BLEACHED WHEAT FL MONONITRATE, RIBOFLAVIN, FOLIC AGID, WATER, HIGH GLUTEN, YEAST. CONTAINS LESS THAN 2% OF THE F RAISIN JUICE CONCENTRATE, DOUGH CONDITIO MONOGLYCERIDES, ASCORBIC ACID, ENZYMES, AZ PROPIONATE (PRESERVATIVE), GUAR GUM, YEAST NUT AMMONIUM SULFATE, CALCIUM SULFATE), POLYSORBATI CONTAINS WHEAT, MILK AND SOY INCREDIENTS CONTAINS WHEAT, MILK AND SOY INGREDIENTS.



At least half of the grain servings you eat every day should be whole. That's 3 ounces or more a day. 1 ounce = 1 slice of wholegrain bread, 1 cup of whole-grain cereal, or 1/2 cup of cooked brown rice or whole-grain pasta.

### Why should half my grains be Whole Grains?

The whole grain contains nutrients such as B vitamins, fiber, and iron that are not found in refined or enriched grains. All grains start life as whole grains, they're the whole seeds of the grain plant. Refined and enriched grains have parts of their seed removed in production. This refining process results in lower nutrient density. Whole grains retain all of their inherent nutrients. These nutrients have endless health benefits.

### How can I eat more Whole Grains?

- Whole-grain breakfast cereal
- Whole-grain bread instead of bread made with enriched flour
- Brown rice instead of white rice
- Whole-grain snacks: popcorn, brown rice cakes, or yogurt parfaits with whole-grain cereal
- Whole-wheat flour for half of the white flour in baked goods
- Oatmeal for breakfast or in baked goods

### Identifying Whole Grains

- Look for the words "whole" or "whole grain" as the FIRST ingredient on the ingredient list.
- A whole grain is not the same as "made with whole grains."
- Dark color is not proof that the product is a whole grain.
- Multigrain or stone-ground are not indicators of whole-grain products.

### Whole Grains vs. Fiber

Whole grains are rich in fiber. However, a food may be high in fiber but not a whole grain. Many cereals are made with refined flours, and fiber may have been added during production. These foods are still not a whole grain because they lack all the other nutrients naturally found in whole grains. Always check the food label to ensure a grain has whole grain listed first in its ingredients.





# APPLE CINNAMON OATMEAL

Makes 2 servings Serving Size: 1 cup

## Ingredients

- 1 cup of plain old fashioned oats, dry
- 2 cups of 100% apple juice or water
- 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup apple or any fresh or frozen fruit

### **Directions**

- 1. Mix oats with liquid and fruit.
- 2. Microwave for 2-3 minutes or as directed by oatmeal container.
- 3. Sprinkle cinnamon. Other options to add: dried fruit or nuts.

### Nutrition information Per Serving

228 calories		Total Carbohydrate 47 g	
Total Fat	3 g	Dietary Fiber	5 g
Saturated Fat	0.5 g	Sodium	0 mg
Protein	5 g		

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