

Vegetable Subgroups

Below are lists of vegetables categorized into five subgroups. It is best practice to serve vegetables from different subgroups. For information about crediting and yields, visit the USDA Food Buying Guide.

Dark Green

Fresh, frozen, and canned

Beet greens

Bok choy

Broccoli

Broccolini

Chicory

Collard greens

Endive (escarole)

Grape leaves

Kale

Lettuce (e.g., butterhead, bibb,

boston, arugula, spring mix, etc.)

Mustard greens

Spinach

Swiss chard

Romaine lettuce

Turnip greens

Watercress

Other

Fresh, frozen, and canned

Artichokes Green onions

Asparagus

Avocado Kohlrabi

Mushrooms Bamboo shoots

Bean sprouts [cooked for food safety] (e.g., mung)

Bell peppers (green, yellow)

Breadfruit

Brussels sprouts

Cabbage (green, red, celery, napa)

Cactus (nopales)

Carrots, rainbow (e.g., purple, yellow)

Cauliflower

Celerv

Chayote (mirliton)

Cucumbers

Eggplant

Green beans

Green chilies (anaheim, jalepeño)

Iceberg lettuce

Okra

Olives

Onions (white, yellow, red)

Pepperoncini

Pickles (cucumber)

Radishes

Rutabagas

Sauerkraut

Seaweed

Snow peas

Sugar snap peas

Tomatillo

Turnips

Wax beans

Yellow summer squash

Zucchini squash

Red/Orange

Fresh, frozen, and canned

Acorn squash

Bell peppers (orange, red)

Butternut squash

Carrots

Cherry peppers

Hubbard squash

Pimientos (pimentos)

Pumpkin

Salsa

Spaghetti squash

Sweet potatoes

Tomatoes

Tomato products (e.g., puree,

paste, sauce, juice)

Beans and Peas (Legumes) Canned, frozen, or cooked from dry

Baked beans

Black beans

Black-eyed peas

Edamame (soy beans)

Garbanzo beans (chickpeas) Great northern beans

Kidney beans

Lentils

Lima beans

Mung beans

Navy beans (pea bean

Pink beans

Pinto beans

Red beans

Refried beans

Soy beans

Split peas

White beans

Starchy

Fresh, frozen, and canned

Cassava (yuca)

Corn

Green peas

Hominy, canned

Jicama (yam bean)

Lima beans, green

Parsnips

Plantains

Poi

Potatoes

Taro (malanga)

Water chestnuts

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