Considerations For Selecting A Dietary Assessment System

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Factors Not Considered

- Standardizing intake methodology
- Estimating portion size
- Strategies for infants, children, men, women, ethnic foods, language

National Nutrient Databank Conference

Interest in primarily in the database

Software interface between the database and user

Uses: assessing intake, composition of, menus, recipes, restaurant and cafeteria food.

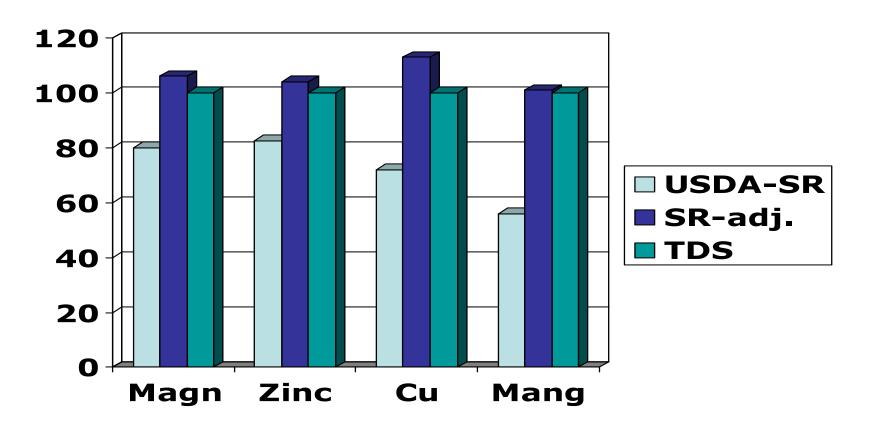
Factors to be considered

- 1) Database
- 2) Search
- 3) Result (output or report)
- 4) Cost

Completeness of data

	% With Values	
Nutrlent	SR	Survey
Carb, pro, fat, energy, fiber, water	100	100
Alcohol	0.6	100
Ash	99.6	N/A
Saturated fatty acids (sum of 5)	96.9	100
Polyunsaturated fatty acids (sum of 7)	93.9	100
Cholesterol	98.9	100
Phytosterol	9.7	N/A
Fatty acids (19 better known compounds)	68.7	100
Fatty Acids (6 less known, i.e., margaric)	1.5	N/A
Vitamin D	4.9	N/A

Pennington, 1990



FNDDS feature: "not further specified"

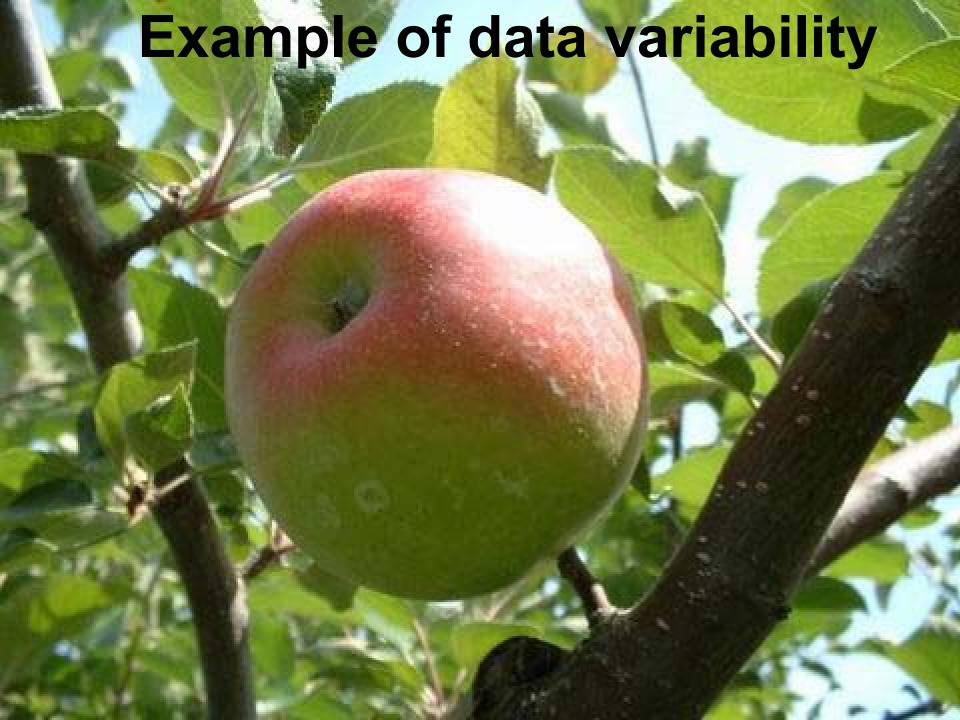
- When food like potatoes is reported but cooking method omitted
- When food like milk is reported but fat content omitted
- When food like sandwich is reported but kind is not specified

MOST Important Software Feature

Accuracy

What dietitians mean is:

- "Does the program data match foods in prepared in my kitchen?"
- "Does the program data match foods my clients eat?"



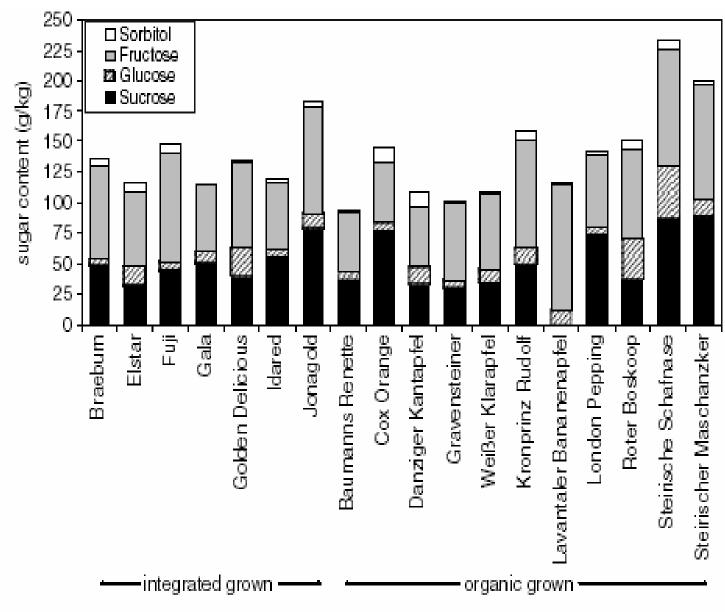


Figure 1 Proportion of sugar components of integrated and organically grown cultivars.

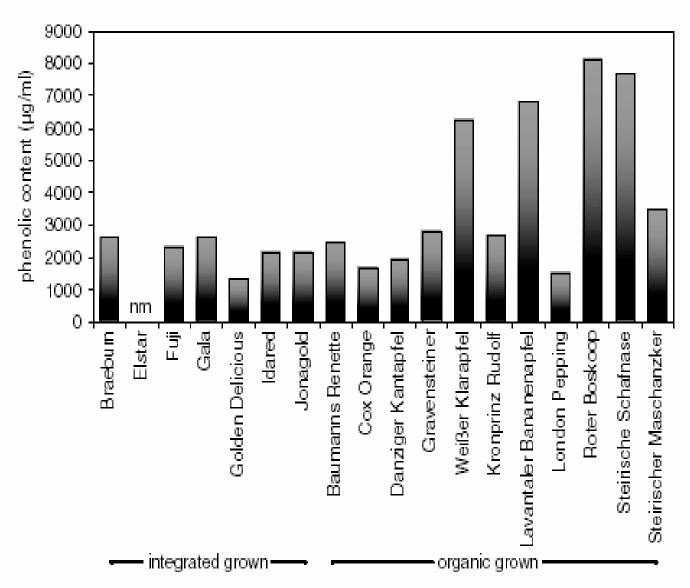
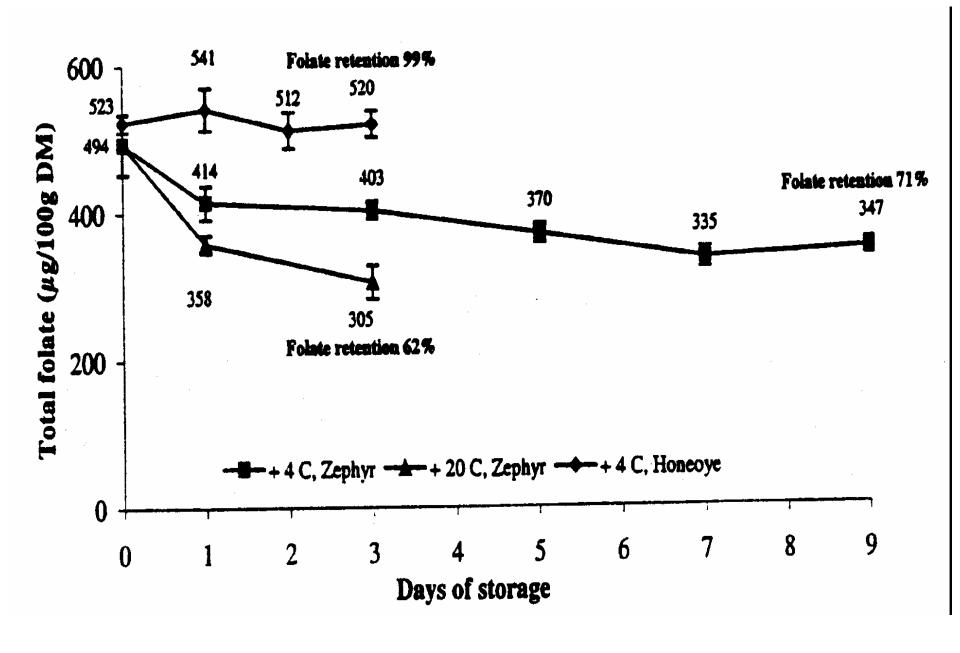


Figure 2 Phenolic content of integrated and organically grown cultivars, nm = not measured owing to unavailable material.





Free Resources for developing a dietary assessment system

- USDA SR 7000 foods, 147 nutrients, analyzed values, public domain
- USDA FNDDS (Built from SR), fewer nutrients but no missing values, defaults when some intake data is missing
- Manufacturer's analytical or calculated data

With Software Not-So-Free

On-Line – (Pyramid Tracker, NAT) – still free

Government development for research:

NDS-R (U of Minnesota) ~ \$8000 Fias ~\$4000 ProNutra ~ \$3500

Sample of independently developed products:

- ESHA ~ \$500-600
- Nutritionist Pro ~ \$500-600
- Nutribase \$500-600 (EZ ~ \$60)
- Many others: Computrition, CBORD, DMF (lowa)

➤ Database is important BUT you can't judge a database solely by the number of foods it contains.

➤ Search strategy can "make" or "break" the software application

Example: at lunch you ate a tomato

Searching the whole SR for tomato yields 145 foods

Search SR19 "vegetable" section for "tomato" yields 73 entries

- Babyfood, dinner, macaroni and tomato and beef, junior
- Babyfood, dinner, macaroni and tomato and beef, strained
- Babyfood, dinner, macaroni, beef and tomato sauce, toddler
- Babyfood, dinner, spaghetti and tomato and meat, junior
- Babyfood, dinner, spaghetti and tomato and meat, toddler
- Babyfood, ravioli, cheese filled, with tomato sauce
- Oil, vegetable, tomatoseed
- Salad dressing, bacon and tomato
- Sauce, HUNT'S, Traditional Tomato Spaghetti Sauce
- Sauce, tomato chili sauce, bottled, no salt, low sodium
- Sauce, tomato chili sauce, bottled, with salt
- Soup, LIPTON, CUP-A-SOUP TOMATO, Mix, Dry
- Soup, PROGRESSO HEALTHY CLASSICS TOMATO GARDEN, canned, ready-
- to-serve
- Soup, tomato beef with noodle, canned, condensed, commercial
- Soup, tomato beef with noodle, canned, prepared with equal volume water, commercial

Search SR 19 "vegetable section" for "tomatoes" – 14 entries

- Tomatoes, crushed, canned
- Tomatoes, green, raw
- Tomatoes, orange, raw
- Tomatoes, red, ripe, canned, packed in tomato juice
- Tomatoes, red, ripe, canned, packed in tomato juice, no salt added
- Tomatoes, red, ripe, canned, stewed
- Tomatoes, red, ripe, canned, with green chilies
- Tomatoes, red, ripe, cooked
- Tomatoes, red, ripe, cooked, stewed
- Tomatoes, red, ripe, cooked, with salt
- Tomatoes, red, ripe, raw, year round average
- Tomatoes, sun-dried
- Tomatoes, sun-dried, packed in oil, drained
- Tomatoes, yellow, raw

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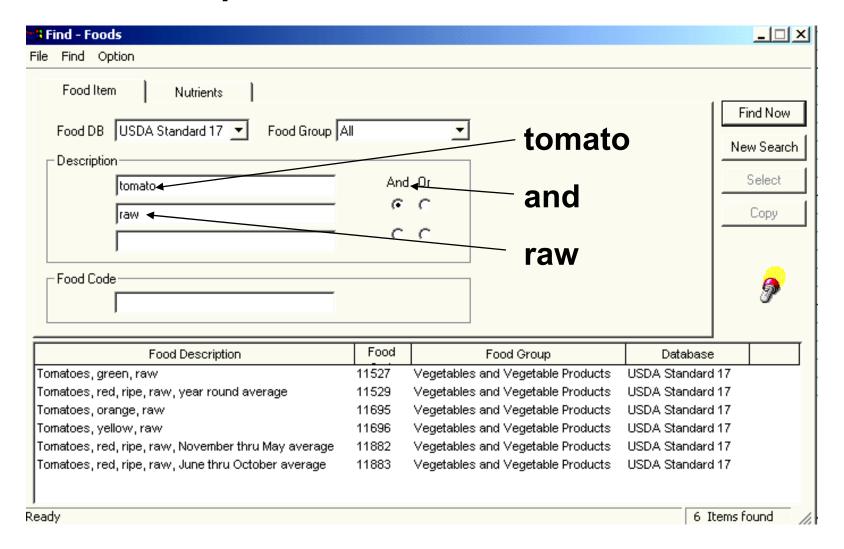
Searching a custom "common foods" database for "tomatoes"

- Tomatoes, cooked
- Tomatoes, raw

eLog (prototype)

- Four data base levels:
 - 1. "favorite foods" that I choose
 - 2. "my foods" all foods I have ever eaten
 - 3. "common foods" database
 - 4. FNDDS (a full survey database)

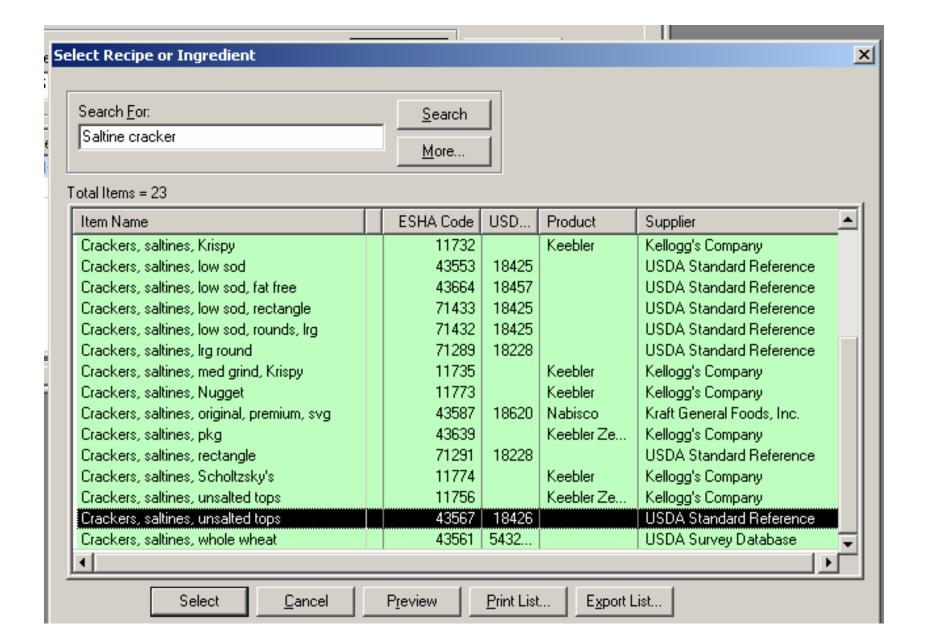
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Searching for two words at once ("tomato" and "raw") speeds the search:

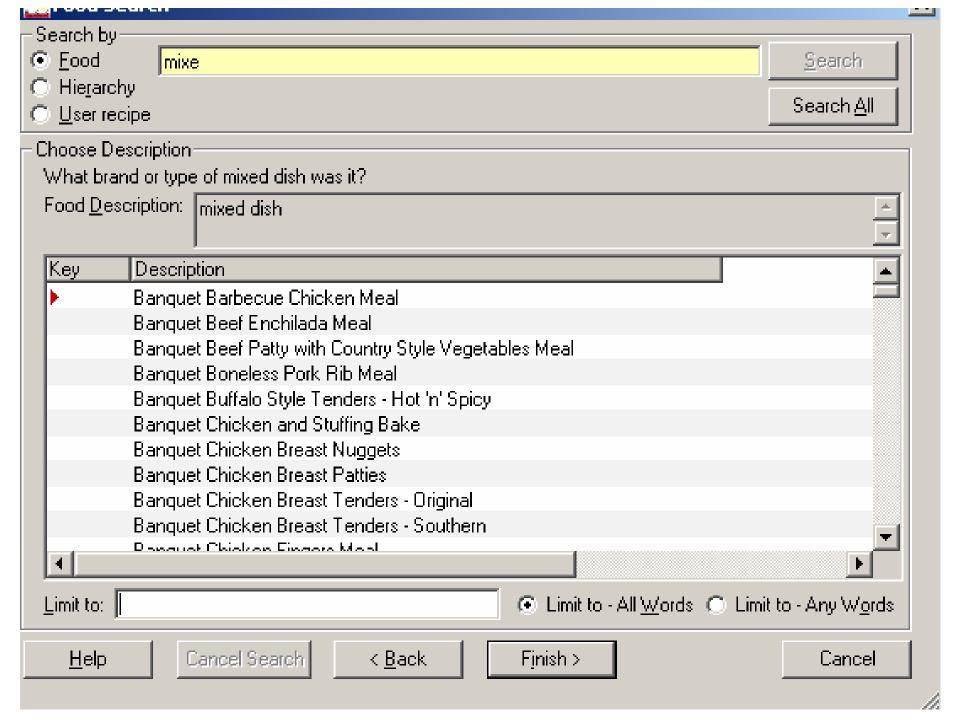
Food Description	Food	
Tomatoes, green, raw	11527	Vegeta
Tomatoes, red, ripe, raw, year round average	11529	Vegeta
Tomatoes, orange, raw	11695	Vegeta
Tomatoes, yellow, raw	11696	Vegeta
Tomatoes, red, ripe, raw, November thru May average	11882	Vegeta
Tomatoes, red, ripe, raw, June thru October average	11883	Vegeta

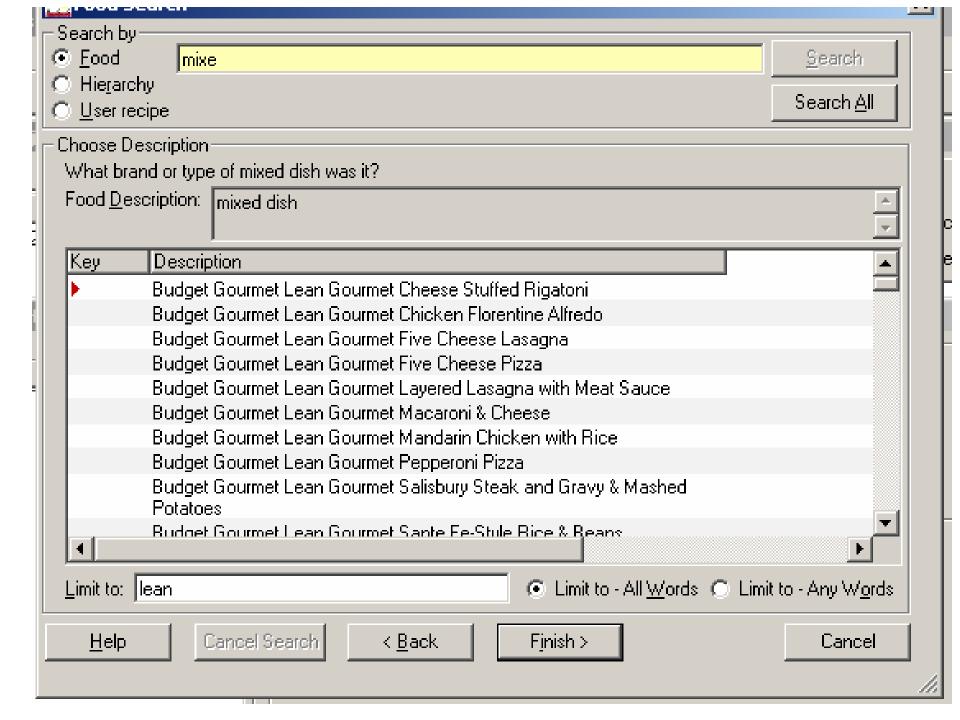
Food Search - ESHA

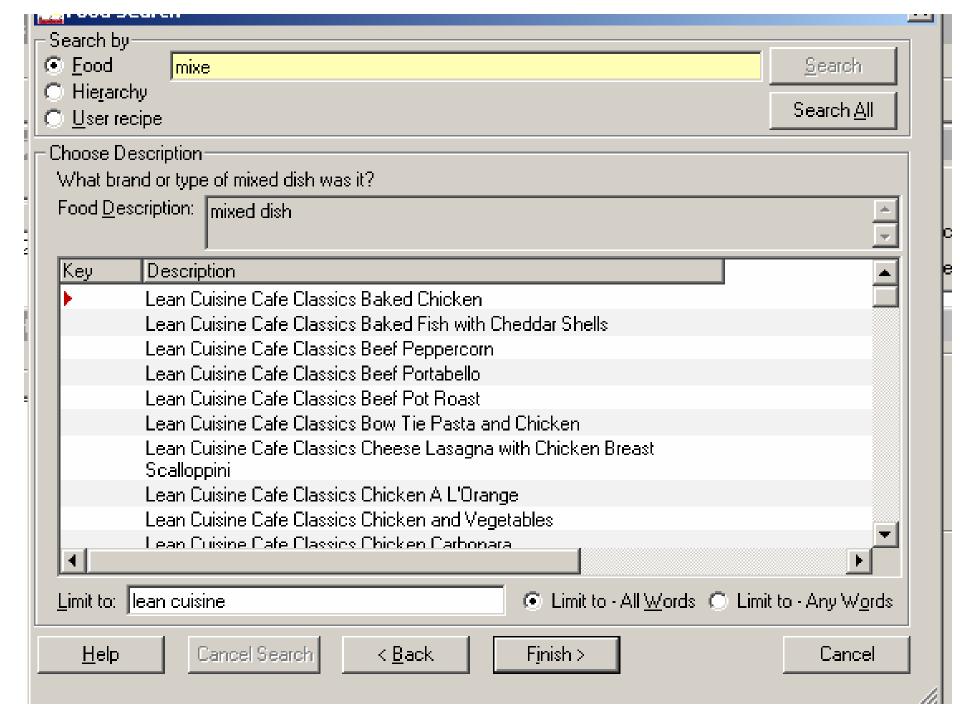


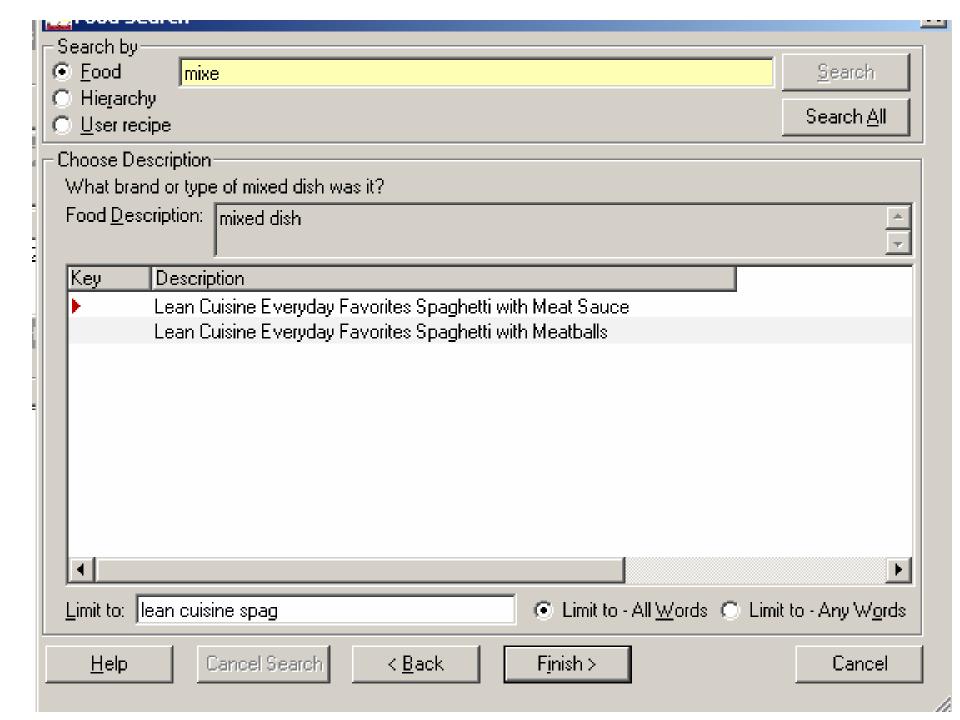
	Food Name	Description	Brand
) C	CHILI BEEF SOUP, CONDENSED	can, commercial	
C	CHILI BEEF SOUP, CONDENSED	can, prep w/equal volume milk, com, 1 can	
C	CHILI BEEF SOUP, CONDENSED	can, prep w/equal volume water, commercial	
C	CHILI BEEF SOUP, CONDENSED	can, prep w/equal volume water, commercial	
C	CHILI BEEF SOUP, CONDENSED	can, prep w/equal volume water, commercial	
C	CHILI BEEF SOUP, CONDENSED	commercial, 1 can	
C	CHILI BEAN		Bush's
C	CHILI BEAN, ORGANIC, KOSHER	fat-free w/jalapeno & red pepper	Eden Foods
C	CHILI BEEF SOUP, HEARTY, RTE		Healthy Choice
C	CHILI CON CARNE W/BEANS	can	
C	CHILI CON CARNE W/BEANS	can	
C	CHILI CON CARNE W/BEANS, CANNED		Nalley's
C	CHILI CON CARNE W/BEANS, CANNED		Nalley's
C	CHILI CON CARNE W/BEANS, CANNED		Nalley's
C	CHILI CON CARNE W/O BEAN	can	El Rio
C	CHILI CON CARNE W/O BEAN	can	El Rio

NUTRITION DATA SYSTEM







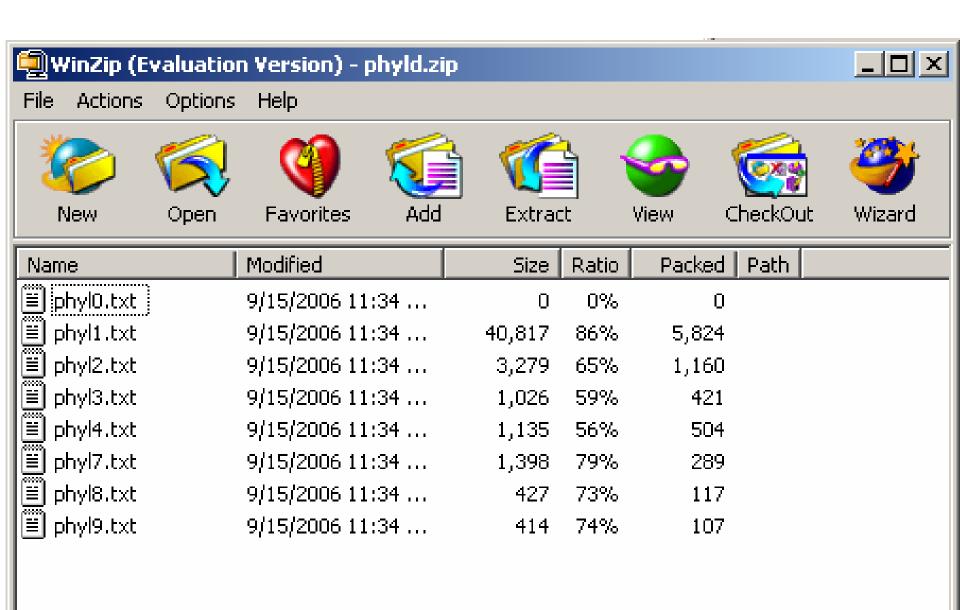


Reports and Output

Needs for "research" and "clinical" activity vary:

Research – need data in format for spreadsheet manipulation and statistical analysis

Clinical – prefer data in format for educational and counseling purposes, and for manipulating in word processor.





Spreadsheet view of nutrients

ltem	B12	Biot	Vit C	EToco	Fola	fola	Vit K	Panto	Calc	Chrom	Сорр	
	(mcg)	(mcg)	(mg)	(mg)	(mcg)	(mcg)	(mcg)	(mg)	(mg)	(mcg)	(mg)	
Chili Con Carne w/Beef Beans & Rice SV	0		3.94	1.89	56.93				123.30		0.37	
Saltine Crackers-Rectangle	0		0	0.48	66.72	103.01	3.84	0.42	32.64	••	0.14	
Coleslaw-Prep f/Recipe	0		19.62	0.06	16.20	16.20		0.08	27.00		0.01	
Brewed Coffee Prep w/Tap Water	0		0	0.02	4.74	4.74	0.24	0.60	4.74		0.00	
Beef Sirloin Steak Sml Trimmed Fried SVY	6.03		0	0.24	19.87	19.87		0.75	13.00		0.24	
Mashed Potatoes w/Whole Milk	0.10	0.56	8.72	0.03	11.26	11.26	2.53	0.68	33.77	1.82	0.20	
Green Snap Beans Ckd w/Salt-Drnd	0		8.00	0.37	27.22	27.22	13.20	0.06	36.30	1.34	0.05	
Mixed Greens Salad SVY	0		13.28	0.58	95.35	95.35	••	0.23	45.21	••	0.06	
Commercial Italian Dressing	0		0	1.47	0	0	16.46	0	2.06	••	0	
Double Chocolate Cake w/Frosting SFC-W			••			••						
1% Milk w/Non Fat Milk Solids Vit A & D	0.93		2.45	0.10	12.25	12.25		0.82	313.60		0.02	
Wheat Chex Cereal GML	0.90		3.60	0.22	240.00	404.01	0.36	0	60.00	••	0.10	
Totals	7.96	0.56	59.62	5.45	550.54	693.91	36.63	3.64	691.61	3.16	1.19	

Nutrient	Amount Reported	% of Energy	Recommended Intak
Energy	837 kcal		_
Fat	17.63 g	18.95 %	20-35 % ¹
Carbohydrate	99.81 g	47.67 %	
Protein	66.74 g	31.88 %	
Alcohol	0.00 g	0.00 %	_
Cholesterol	145.65 mg		< 300 mg ¹
Saturated Fatty Acids	4.95 g	5.32 %	< 10 % ¹
Trans-Fatty Acids	0.25 g	0.27 %	
Monounsaturated Fatty Acids	6.27 g	6.74 %	10 % ²
Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids	4.38 g	4.71 %	10 % ²
Dietary Fiber	5.86 g		20-30 g ³
Sodium	1853 mg		< 2300 mg ¹

Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005

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National Cholesterol Education Program, 1990

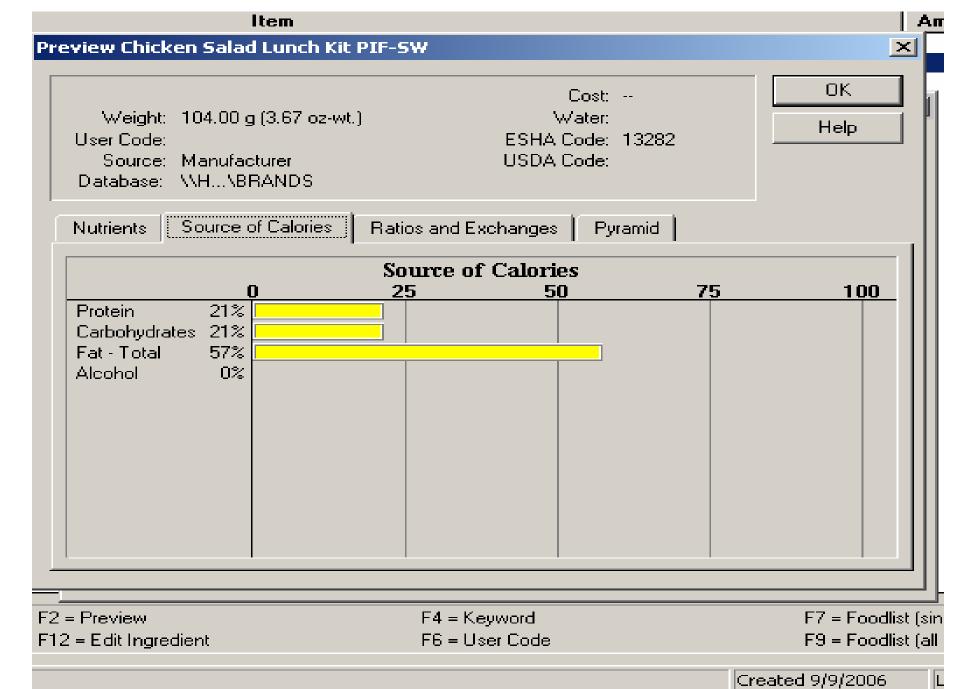
National Cancer Institute Dietary Guidelines, 1998

Macronutrient Breakdown

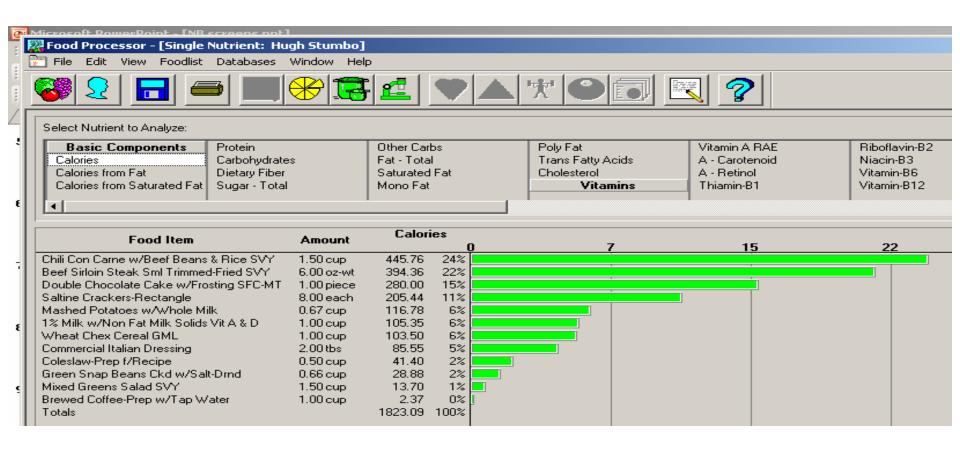
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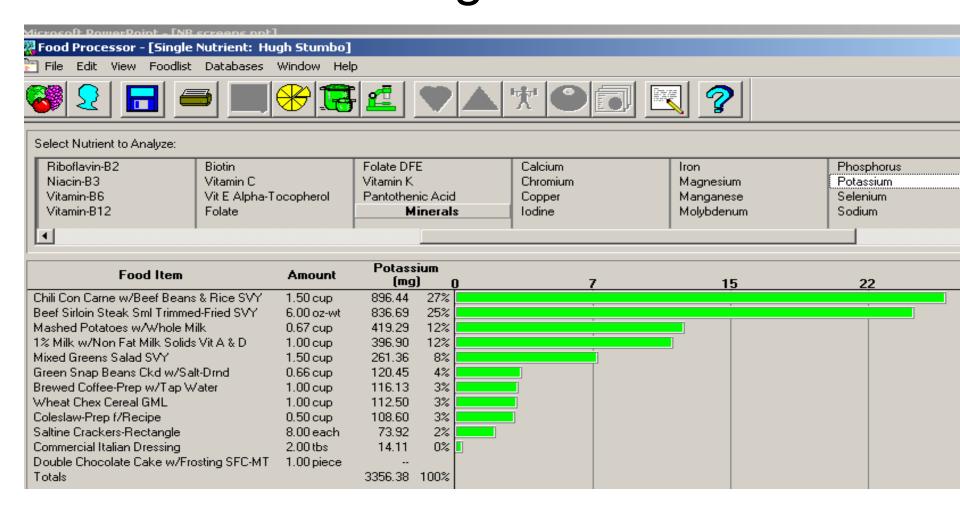
	Percentage Daily		
Nutrient	Amount Reported	Daily Value	Daily Value Comparison
Mandatory Components			
Total Calories	837 kcal		% Daily Values
Calories from Fat	159 kcal		-
Total Fat	17.63 g	65 g	27 %
Saturated Fat	4.95 g	20 g	25 %
Cholesterol	145.65 mg	300 mg	49 %
Sodium	1853 mg	2400 mg	77 %
Total Carbohydrate	99.81 g	300 g	33 %
Dietary Fiber	5.86 g	25 g	23 %
Sugars	14.79 g		
Protein	66.74 g	50 g	133 %
Vitamin A	8561 IU	5000 IU	171 %
Vitamin C	4.32 mg	60 mg	7 %
Calcium	250 mg	1000 mg	25 %
Iron	5.82 mg	18 mg	32 %
Voluntary Components			
Vitamin D	30 IU	400 IU	8 %
Vitamin E	3 IU	30 IU	9 %
Vitamin K	13.73 mcg	80 mcg	17 %
Thiamin	0.67 mg	1.50 mg	45 %
Riboflavin	0.63 mg	1.70 mg	37 %
Niacin	24.66 mg	20 mg	123 %
Vitamin B6	1.28 mg	2 mg	64 %



Calories, highest sources chili, sirloin steak, cake and saltine crackers



Potassium, highest sources chili, sirloin steak, mashed potatoes, milk and greens



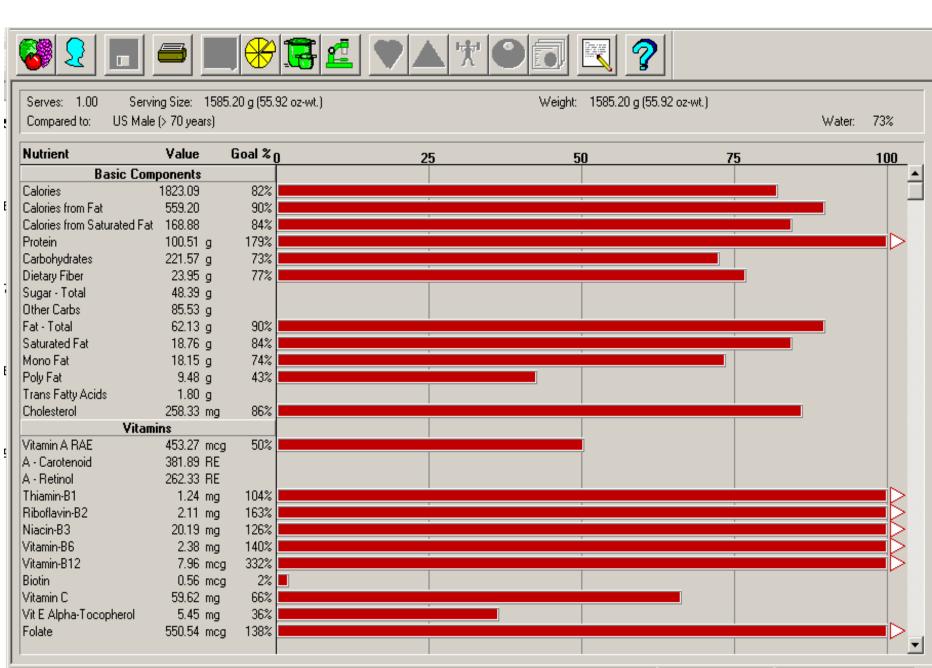
% RDA

Nutrient	Amount Reported	RDA	%RDA	ΑI
Vitamin A	450 mcg RAE	700 mcg RAE	64%	
Vitamin C	4.32 mg	75 mg	6%	
Vitamin D	0.76 mcg			10 mcg
Vitamin E	1.77 mg	15 mg	12 %	
Vitamin K	13.73 mcg			90 mcg
Thiamin	0.67 mg	1.1 mg	61 %	
Riboflavin	0.63 mg	1.1 mg	57 %	
Niacin	38.04 mg NE	14 mg NE	272 %	
Vitamin B6	1.28 mg	1.5 mg	85 %	
Folate	268 mcg DFE	400 mcg DFE	67 %	
Vitamin B12	1.09 mcg	2.4 mcg	45 %	
Pantothenic Acid	2.96 mg			5 mg
Calcium	250 mg			1200 mg
Copper	510 mcg	900 mcg	57 %	
Iron	5.82 mg	8 mg	73 %	
Magnesium	111 mg	320 mg	35%	
Manganese	1.22 mg			1.8 mg
Phosphorus	653 mg	700 mg	93 %	
Selenium	80.85 mcg	55 mcg	147 %	
Zinc	4.49 mg	8 mg	56 %	

RDA/AI values based on the Dietary Reference Intakes provided by the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, Food and Nutrition Board (1997-2001).

Additional Recommendations

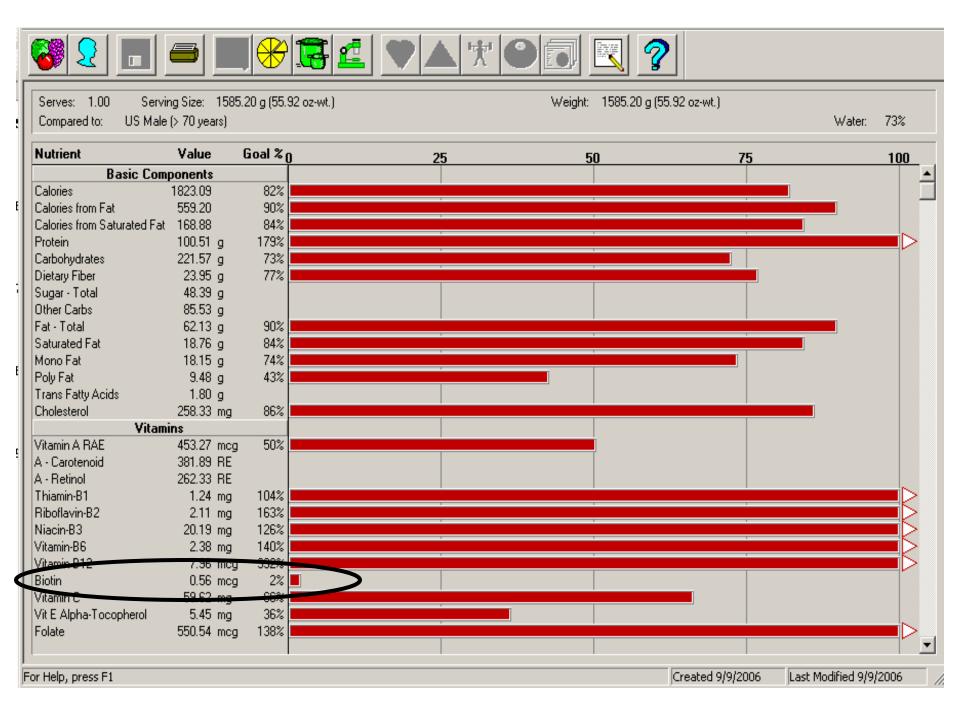
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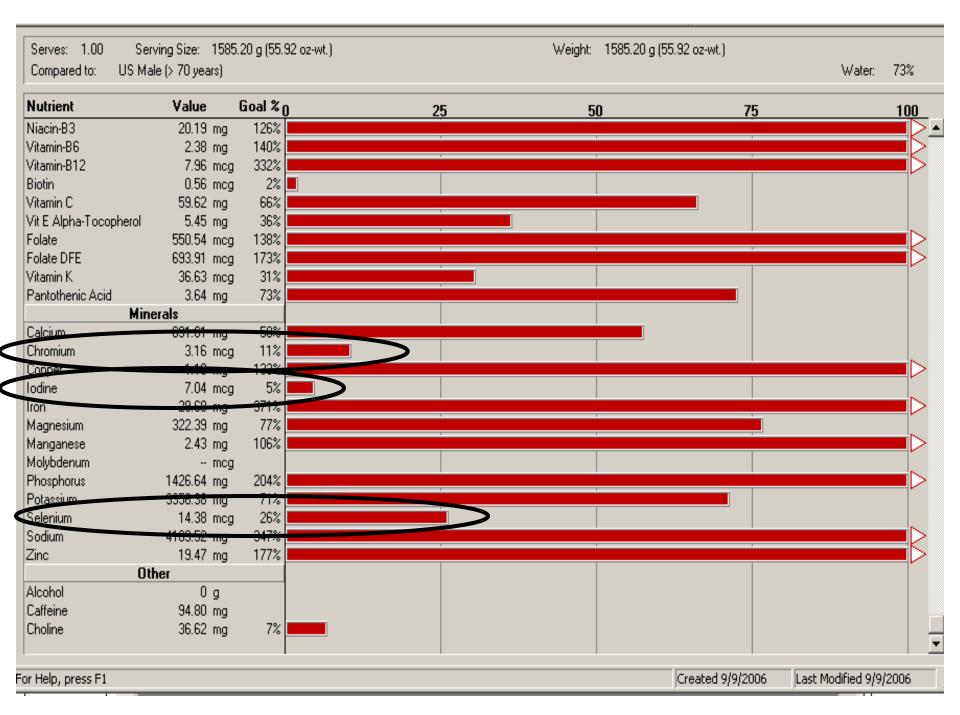


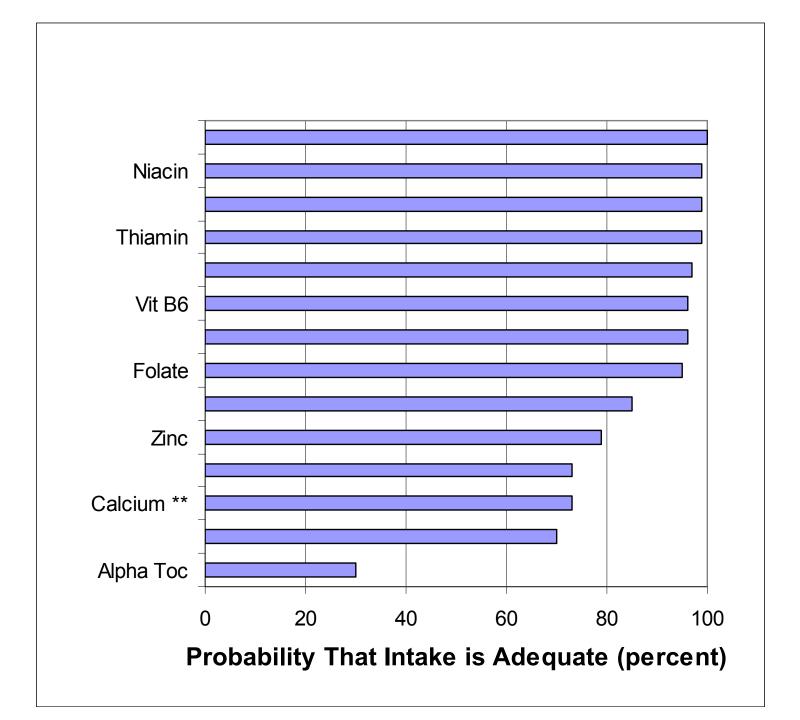
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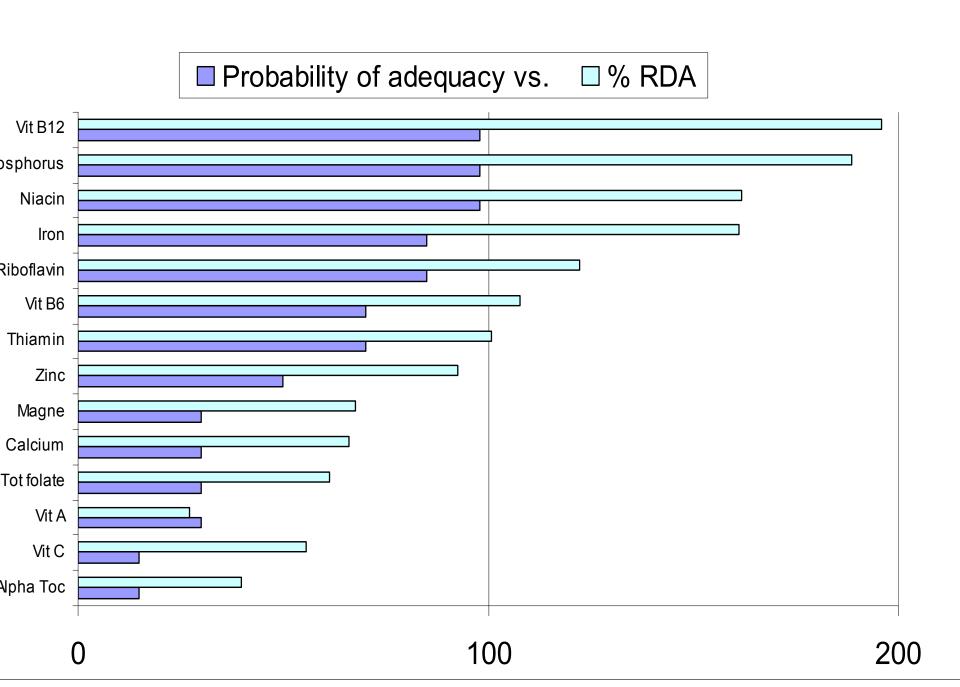
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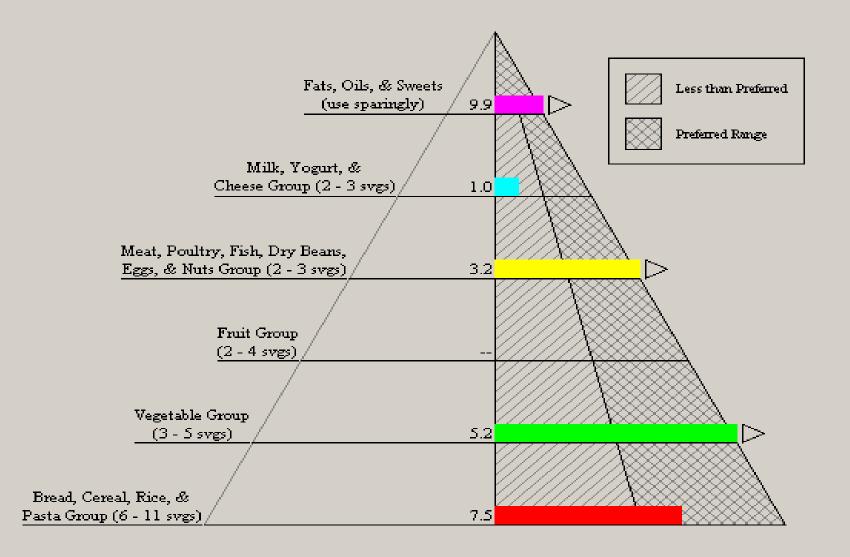
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Summary: Important Features of Dietary Assessment Systems

Cost:

Results: Reports, Output

Search:

Database:



Choose Wisely:

Don't be surprised by

- Missing values,
- Missing features or
- Missing reports

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