The Oxalate Content of Food By Helen O'Connor, MS, RD

The oxalate content of food can vary considerably between plants of the same species, due to differences in climate, soil quality, state of ripeness, or even which part of the plant is analyzed. Variations also may be caused by the different methods used for measuring oxalate in food. Published values for some foods can vary from negligible amounts to moderately high. In addition, the <u>soluble</u> oxalate content of a food may influence the amount of oxalate absorbed by the intestine much more than the <u>insoluble</u> part, so foods that have a modest <u>total</u> oxalate content should still be limited because of the relatively high amount of <u>soluble</u> oxalate present.

In the tables below, the foods have been grouped according to their soluble and / or total oxalate content and the relative risk that they pose to those who need to limit dietary oxalate. In using these tables, it is very important to pay attention to the <u>serving sizes</u> listed. These food tables were compiled using the most up to date information available as of Feb 2003. They may be grouped differently to that of other oxalate food lists, because they are based on more recent data. If you have any questions relating to the dietary information posted here, please contact the registered dietitian at oxdietinfo@juno.com.

A low oxalate diet is usually defined as less than 50mg oxalate per day. However, dietary oxalate restrictions may vary depending on the underlying condition causing oxalosis. Please check with your health provider to determine the appropriate level of oxalate restriction for you.

VERY HIGH OXALATE (over 50mg per serving)

The following foods may contain <u>very large</u> amounts of oxalate in the range of 50 - 520mg oxalate per serving size listed.

Vegetables Beetroot - boiled or pickled Beet greens (Mangold) Leeks	Serving size $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (50g) 1 oz (30g) $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (62g)	Soybeans and soy products Soy milk Soy burger Textured vegetable/soy protein	Serving size ¹ / ₄ cup 1 item (67g) 1 oz
Okra Poke weed Spinach Sweet potatoes Swiss chard (boiled) Swiss chard (raw)	½ cup (100g) 1 oz (30g) 1 oz (30g) ½ cup (120g) 1 oz (30g) ½ cup (9g)	Soy Flour Soy nuts Soy tofu Soy yogurt Soy breakfast links	1 oz \frac{1}{4} oz 3 oz \frac{1}{2} cup 1 item (45g)
Fruits Elderberry, raw Figs, dried Green gooseberries Rhubarb, raw, canned or stewed Star fruit (Carambola)	Serving size 3.5 oz (100g) 3.5 oz (100g) $\frac{1}{2}$ cup (75g) $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (120g) 1 oz (30g)	Legumes, Nuts and Seeds Almonds (slices) Hazel nut (chopped) Lentils, dried beans (cooked) Refried beans (cooked) Peanuts Peanut butter	Serving size \[\frac{1}{8}\] \text{cup (14g)} \[\frac{1}{4}\] \text{cup (28g)} \[\frac{1}{2}\] \text{cup (85g)} \[\frac{1}{4}\] \text{cup (42g)} \[\frac{1}{4}\] \text{cup (36g)} \[\frac{1}{2}\] \text{T (8g)}
Grains and Starches Amaranth* Buckwheat, dry Wheat bran, dry	Serving size 1 oz (30g) 2 oz (60g) 1 oz (30g)	Pecans (and other nuts) Pistachio Sesame seeds (and Tahini)	½ (05) ½ cup (28g) ½ cup (56g) 1 teaspoon (~2.5g)

^{*}The oxalate content of Amaranth is unknown, but it is related to spinach and beets, and therefore probably

HIGH OXALATE (10-50mg per serving)

The following foods may contain <u>large</u> amounts of oxalate in the range of 10 - 50mg oxalate per serving.

Vegetables	Serving size	Fruits	Serving size
Baked beans in tomato sauce	1 cup (120g)	Blackberries	½ cup (72g)
Beans, green	½ cup (68g)	Black currents	½ cup (56g)
Beans, kidney	½ cup (120g)	Black raspberries	½ cup (60g)
Celery (raw)	½ cup (60g)	Blueberries	½ cup (73g)
Chicory, raw	½ cup (90g)	Currants, red	½ cup (56g)
Collard (boiled)	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup (64g)	Dewberries	½ cup (72g)
Dandelion greens (raw)	1 cup (55g)	Figs, raw	(3.5 oz) 100g
Dandelion greens (boiled)	1 cup (105g)	Fruit Cocktail	½ cup (125g)
Mustard greens, raw	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup (90g)	Gooseberry, red	(3.5 oz) 100g
Olives, green, canned	1 oz (7-8 small)	Gooseberry, mixed	(3.5 oz) 100g
Peppers, chilies, raw	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup (75g)	Grapes, concord	½ cup (80g)
Peppers, green, raw	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup (113g)	Kiwi, raw	1 med (76g)
Potatoes, raw	5 oz (150g)	Raspberries, red	½ cup (62g)
Potatoes , boiled	5 oz (150g)	Tamarillo	3.5 oz (100g)
Potatoes , baked	5 oz (150g)		
Potato, chips (small bag)	1 oz (30g)		
Potatoes, french fries	5 oz (150g)	Grains and Starches	Serving size
Rutabagas	½ cup (85g)	Breakfast cereals (bran/high fiber)	1 oz (30g)
Summer squash	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup (90g)	Rye or Wheat Crispbread	3.5 oz (100g)
Soy cheese	1 oz (30g)	Grits, white corn, dry	½ cup (75g)
Tempeh	3.5 oz (100g)	Grits, white corn, cooked	½ cup (120g)
		Wheat germ	1 Tbsp (7g)
		Whole-wheat flour	½ cup (60g)
Miscellaneous	Serving size		
Chocolate (Hershey bar)	1 oz (30g)	Beverages	Serving size
Chocolate (dark)	1 oz (30g)	Beer: dark, robust	12 fl oz (356g)
Chocolate (M & Ms)	1 oz (30g)	Coffee, instant	1 tsp (1.8g)
Cocoa, dry powder	1 Tbsp (5.4g)	Ovaltine TM	1 tsp (2.67g)
Three Musketeers Bar	1 oz (30g)	Tea, black *	1 cup (240g)
Butterfingers Bar	1 item (45 gram)	Tea - rosehip	1 cup (240g)
Vegetable soup	1 cup (240g)		

^{*} Published values for black tea range from 4 - 17mg per cup. Oxalate content also varies with the strength of tea. <u>Limit to 8 fl. oz (1 cup) daily.</u>

MODERATE OXALATE (2 - 10mg per serving)

The following foods contain moderate levels of oxalate. Note listed serving size.

Dairy/Meat/Fish	Serving size	Fruits/Juices	Serving size
Liver	4 oz (113g)	Apple, Granny Smith (or green)	1 med (140g)
Sardines	4 oz (113g)	Apple Sauce/Puree	4 oz (120g)
Yogurt, nonfat plain	1 cup (227g)	Apricots	2 med (70g)
		Bananas	1 med (114g)
Vegetables	Serving size	Huckleberry, dried (Bilberry)	3.5 oz (100g)
Artichoke	2 oz (60g)	Cherries, sweet	10 items (68g)
Asparagus	½ cup (90g)	Cranberry juice, pure	½ cup (126g)
Black Olives	1 oz (7-8 small)	Grape juice (red and green)	½ cup (126g)
Cabbage, red /savoy, raw, shredded	½ cup (35g)	Kumquat	3.5 oz (100g)
Carrots, raw	1oz (30g)	Lemon, raw	3.5 oz (100g)
Carrots, boiled	½ cup (73g)	Lemon, orange or lime peel	1 Tbsp (6g)
Carrot juice	3.5oz (100g)	Lime, raw	3.5 oz (100g)
Celeriac	3.5oz (100g)	Mandarin orange	3.5 oz (100g)
Egg plant, boiled	½ cup (48g)	Orange, raw	1 medium (136g)
Egg plant, raw	½ cup (41g)	Papaya	1 medium (300g)
Escarole, raw	1 cup (28g)	Peaches, Alberta	1 medium (87g)
Fennel (raw)	1 oz (30g)	Pears, raw	1 item (<200g)
Fennel (boiled)	3.5 oz (100g)	Pears, Bartlett, canned	½ cup (124g)
Kale (boiled)	½ cup (65g)	Pineapple, canned	½ cup (125g)
Lima Beans, canned	½ cup (124g)	Plum juice	½ cup (125g)
Linseed	3.5oz (100g)	Plums, purple	1 medium (66g)
Mushrooms, canned or raw	1 cup (70g)	Plums, Japanese	1 medium (66g)
Onions, boiled	½ cup (105g)	Plums, Syrian (Mirabelle)	1 medium (66g)
Parsnips, boiled	½ cup (78g)	Prunes	1 item (28g)
Parsley	1 Tbsp (4g)	Raisins	½ cup (40g)
Peas, canned	3.5oz (100g)	Strawberries, canned [‡]	½ cup (127g)
Salsify, canned	3.5oz (100g)	Strawberries, raw [‡]	½ cup (75g)
Sauerkraut	3.5oz (100g)		
Split peas	½ cup (98g)		
Sweetcorn	½ cup (80g)		
Tomato juice	½ cup (120g)	Miscellaneous	Serving size
Tomato, canned, peeled	½ cup (60g)	Cinnamon, ground	1 tsp (1.8g)
Tomato, raw	½ cup (120g)	Chicken noodle soup	1 cup (240g)
Watercress	1 cup (34g)	Ginger, raw	1 tsp (2g)
		Malt powder	1 Tbsp (12.3g)
Beverages	Serving size	Marmalade	1 Tbsp (20g)
Beer, draft (e.g. Budweiser)	12 fl oz	Thyme	1 tsp (2g)
Coffee, brewed **	1 cup (8 fl.oz)	Tomato soup	1 cup (244g)
Green Tea (1.75g per 1 cup water)	1 cup (8 fl.oz)	Pepper, black	1 tsp (2.1g)
Guinness draft beer	12 fl oz	Sunflower seeds	½ cup (28g)
Hot chocolate	1 oz (30g)		
Matétea tea, green or roasted**	1 cup (8 fl.oz)		
Wine, Rosē	1 cup (8 fl.oz)		

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