

## Fruit is in Season



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#### **WHY EAT FRUIT?**

- Fruit has important nutrients such as Folate, Vitamin C, and Fiber
- Fiber helps keep the digestive system healthy
- Vitamin C helps maintain the body's tissues, improves healing, and increases iron absorption

### **How Much Fruit?**

- MEN 19+NEED 2 TO 2 ½ CUPS PER DAY
- MEN 60+ NEED 2 CUPS PER DAY
- WOMEN 19+ NEED 1 ½ TO 2 CUPS PER DAY

#### **For Example**

1 serving of whole fruit = 1 fist or tennis ball-size 1 serving of applesauce = 1 cup (8 oz.) 1 serving of raisins = ½ cup 1 serving of 100% fruit juice = 1 cup (8oz.)

#### WHAT KIND IS BEST?

Fruit can be canned, frozen, or fresh, but it is best to choose options with minimal added sugar. Here are some tips:

- When buying canned fruit, look for options that are canned in water or 100% fruit juice.
- Rinse fruit canned in syrup to wash away added sugars.
- Avoid adding table sugar to whole fruit.
- When buying fruit juice, look for options that are 100% juice.
- Eat fruits in a variety of colors to get the most health benefits.

# **Peach Crisp**

Yield: 6 servings
Bake Time: 20 minutes

#### **Ingredients**

- 4 peaches OR 4 cups canned or frozen peaches
  - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
    - 3/4 cup quick-cooking oats
      - 1/2 cup sugar
      - 1/4 cup flour
      - 2 teaspoons cinnamon
      - 1 teaspoon lemon juice



#### **Directions**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
- 2. Slice peaches or, if canned, open and drain.
- 3. Spread peaches over the bottom of a baking pan.
  - 4. Melt margarine or butter in a small saucepan.
- 5. In a small mixing bowl, combine everything but the peaches.
  - 6. Pour the oat mixture over the peaches.
    - 7. Bake for 20 minutes.
      - 8. Serve hot or cold.

This recipe can be found at https://www.myplate.gov/recipes/supplemental-nutrition-assistance-program-snap/peach-crisp