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<td>Make half your grains whole</td>
<td>Vary your veggies</td>
<td>Focus on fruits</td>
<td>Get your calcium-rich foods</td>
<td>Go lean with protein</td>
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<td>Eat at least 3 oz. of whole-grain cereals, breads, crackers, rice, or pasta every day</td>
<td>Eat more dark-green veggies like broccoli, spinach, and other dark leafy greens</td>
<td>Eat a variety of fruit</td>
<td>Go low-fat or fat-free when you choose milk, yogurt, and other milk products</td>
<td>Choose low-fat or lean meats and poultry</td>
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<td>1 oz. is about 1 slice of bread, about 1 cup of breakfast cereal, or 1/2 cup of cooked rice, cereal, or pasta</td>
<td>Eat more orange vegetables like carrots and sweetpotatoes</td>
<td>Choose fresh, frozen, canned, or dried fruit</td>
<td>If you don’t or can’t consume milk, choose lactose-free products or other calcium sources such as fortified foods and beverages</td>
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<td>Eat more dry beans and peas like pinto beans, kidney beans, and lentils</td>
<td>Go easy on fruit juices</td>
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<td>Vary your protein routine — choose more fish, beans, peas, nuts, and seeds</td>
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For a 2,000-calorie diet, you need the amounts below from each food group. To find the amounts that are right for you, go to MyPyramid.gov.

- Eat 6 oz. every day
- Eat 2 1/2 cups every day
- Eat 2 cups every day
- Get 3 cups every day; for kids aged 2 to 8, it’s 2
- Eat 5 1/2 oz. every day

Find your balance between food and physical activity

- Be sure to stay within your daily calorie needs.
- Be physically active for at least 30 minutes most days of the week.
- About 60 minutes a day of physical activity may be needed to prevent weight gain.
- For sustaining weight loss, at least 60 to 90 minutes a day of physical activity may be required.
- Children and teenagers should be physically active for 60 minutes every day, or most days.

Know the limits on fats, sugars, and salt (sodium)

- Make most of your fat sources from fish, nuts, and vegetable oils.
- Limit solid fats like butter, margarine, shortening, and lard, as well as foods that contain these.
- Check the Nutrition Facts label to keep saturated fats, trans fats, and sodium low.
- Choose food and beverages low in added sugars. Added sugars contribute calories with few, if any, nutrients.

Visit the UT Extension Web site at http://www.utextension.utk.edu/

The Food Stamp Program provides nutrition assistance to people with low income. It can help you buy nutritious foods for a better diet.

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