



**Arkansas
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Portion Sizes

Portion sizes are often misunderstood in our society of "supersizing" our meals. Here are some ways to understand portion sizes of different foods — some may surprise you!



Vegetables

- Fist (raw)
- Tennis ball (cooked)
- (3-5 a day)



Fruits

- Baseball or tennis ball (2-4 a day)



Carbohydrates

- Cell phone, Baseball or computer mouse or Checkbook (fish) (6-11 a day)



Protein

- Deck of cards (meat/poultry)
- Golf ball (peanut butter, nuts)



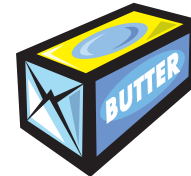
Dairy

- Cheese (2 dominoes)
- milk, low-fat (2-3 a day)



Sweets

- Glasses frames (rarely)



Butter/Margarine

- Top half of thumb or dice (rarely)

Always check with your medical physician before changing your nutritional intake.

Consultation with a nutritionist can also be very helpful.

Visit www.mypyramid.gov for more information about nutritional intake recommendations.

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