

Produce

Organic - Raised without chemical herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers. This eliminates the need for GMOs.

The Dirty Dozen - whenever possible buy these organic: Apples, Peaches, Nectarines, Strawberries, Grapes, Celery, Cucumber, Bell Peppers, Spinach, Snap Peas, Cherry Tomatoes, Potatoes

Free Range



Chicken, Eggs and Meat

Cage Free - These chickens live in big warehouses without cages. This does not mean they are free from over crowding.

No Antibiotics or Hormones - The chickens have not been fed antibiotics (used because of crowded living conditions) or growth hormones (think big chicken breasts).

Free Range - Chickens with this label have been allowed for at least part of the day to roam outside to eat bugs, have access to sunlight, and much more freedom of movement.

Grass Fed - Fed a diet of fresh or dry grass (like hay). As opposed to a typical grain fed diet. The meat from all animals with this designation have more healthy Omega 3 essential fatty acids.

Organic All meats with this label have no antibiotics or hormones, and have been fed an organic diet.

Nitrites and Nitrates - Used to process ham, deli and lunch meats. They are classified by the World Health Organization as carcinogenic. Look for labels that indicate they are free of these chemicals.

Yummm!



Packaged Foods

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Non GMO - GMO = Genetically Modified Organism. There is research both pro and con, concerning GMOs. They have only been available since 1996. Long term health consequences unknown. Corn, Soy, Zucchini and Summer Squash, as well as Sugar Beets are largely GMOs. Look for these ingredients on labels.

5 Ingredient Limit - Don't buy packaged foods with a ton of ingredients, particularly ones that don't look or sound like food.

Trans Fats - Hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated oils. These creamy altered fats have a long shelf life, but are directly associated with heart disease.

Gluten Free

Gluten is a protein found in wheat, barley, rye and spelt.

Many *Gluten Free* products contain empty carbohydrates.

Possibly 29% of the population has issues with gluten.

Alaska Salmon



Canned Vegetables and Seafood

BPA Free - Bisphenol A is a plastic that is used in food products, such as water bottles and the lining of cans. It has adverse effects on thyroid hormones, and is possibly linked to endocrine disruption and obesity. Look for the BPA Free label.

Grass Fed



Dairy

2% or 0% Fat - Check the label and make sure that artificial stabilizers or sugars haven't been added.

Organic - Milk from cows that have been fed an organic diet, without antibiotics and hormones. They are raised humanely.

Grass Fed - Cows have been fed fresh or dried grasses, like hay. This milk has more Omega 3 fatty acids and CLA (conjugated linoleic acid) than conventional milk.

Super Foods

An unregulated term.

A nutrient rich food that is especially good for health and well being.

Some common superfoods are: Kale and all other vegetables in the broccoli/cabbage family, blueberries, tomatoes, avocado, beans, salmon and dark chocolate.

Seafood - Fresh or Frozen

Buy wild caught whenever possible.

Look for sustainable harvest label on tuna packaging.

Atlantic Salmon is farmed salmon. Avoid or eat sparingly.