GUIDE TO VEGETABLES AND FRUITS



BUYING HEALTHY, FRESH PRODUCE IN SEASON (AND ON A BUDGET)

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The (C) means "clean" - no need to buy organic if you're on a budget. (D) is for "dirty", so buy organic as often as possible. Items we've designated "extra-nutritious" are in **BOLD**, so eat these often. Still confused? Here's what you do. Just pick a vegetable... ANY vegetable (except white potatoes, corn, lima beans or peas). Then, EAT IT! Yep, it really is that easy.

winter

Acorn Squash
Belgian Endive
Brussels Sprouts
Buttercup Squash
Butternut Squash
Cauliflower
Collard Greens
Jicama
Kale (D)
Sweet Potatoes (C)
Winter Squash

Clementines
Dates
Grapefruit
Kiwi (C)
Oranges
Passion Fruit
Pears
Pineapples (C)
Pomegranate
Red Currants
Tangerines

year-round

Beet Greens
Bell Peppers (D)
Bok Choy
Broccolini
Cabbage (C)
Carrots
Celery (D)
Celery Root
Leeks
Lettuce
Mushrooms
Onions (C)
Parsnips
Shallots
Turnips

spring

Artichokes Arugula Asparagus (C) Belgian Endive Broccoli (C) Butter (Bibb) Lettuce Cauliflower Chives **Collard Greens** Fennel Fiddlehead Ferns Green Beans Jicama Morel Mushrooms **Mustard Greens** Pea Pods Radicchio **Red Leaf Lettuce** Rhubarb Snow Peas Spinach (D) **Spring Greens** Sugar Snap Peas Vidalia Onions (C) Watercress

Apricots
Grapefruit
Honeydew
Limes
Mango (C)
Oranges
Pineapples (C)
Strawberries (D)

summer

Arugula

Beets Broccoli (C) **Butter (Bibb) Lettuce** Cucumbers Eggplant (C) Endive Green Beans Hot Peppers Okra Radishes Red Leaf Lettuce Snow Peas Sugar Snap Peas Summer Squash **Swiss Chard** Tomatoes (C) Zucchini

Apricots
Asian Pears
Black Currants
Blackberries
Blueberries (D)
Boysenberries
Cantaloupe
Cherries (D)
Elderberries
Figs
Grapes
Honeydew Melons
Limes
Loganberries
Nectarines (D)

Passion Fruit
Peaches (D)
Pineapples (C)
Plums
Raspberries

Strawberries (D)
Watermelon (C)

fall

Acorn Squash

Arugula Belgian Endive Broccoli (C) **Brussels Sprouts** Butter (Bibb) Lettuce Buttercup Squash Butternut Sauash Cauliflower Daikon Radish Endive Hot Peppers Jerusalem Artichoke Jicama Kale Kohlrabi Mushrooms Pumpkin Radicchio Sweet Potatoes (C) **Swiss Chard** Winter Squash

Asian Pears
Cape Gooseberries
Cranberries
Grapes (D)
Huckleberries
Kumquats
Passion Fruit
Pears
Pomegranate
Quince

Apples (D)
Avocados (C)
Bananas
Dried Fruits (limit)
Lemons
Papayas (C)

There are some regional variabilities here, but in general, choose vegetables and fruits during their natural growing season to ensure value, freshness, and nutrient density.

