VEGETABLES



Available all year round

- FRESH
- FROZEN
- CANNED
- DEHYDRATED











Vegetables classified according to the part of the plant eaten.

- Bulb
 Leaves
- Flower Seeds
- Fruit Roots
- Stem Tuber

BULB VEGETABLES

Garlic

Onions

Leeks







FLOWER VEGETABLES

- Artichokes
- Broccoli
- Cauliflower









FRUIT VEGETABLES













STEM VEGETABLES



LEAF VEGETABLES









SEED VEGETABLES



ROOT VEGETABLES



Beets

• Carrots

Parsnips

Radishes

Rutabagas



Sweet Potatoes

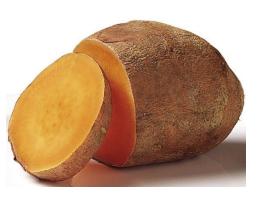
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TUBER VEGETABLES





- Potatoes
- Yams



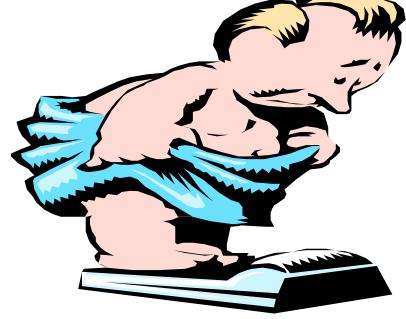
- Jerusalem Artichokes
- Jicama



Vegetables provide:

Vitamins

Minerals



• Fiber

Low in calories

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING

- Look for good color, firmness, and absence of decay and bruises
- Avoid wilted and misshapen
- Handle carefully to prevent bruising
- Choose medium size, small lack flavor, large are tough
- Lose quality quickly, buy to use in short time period
- Vegetables in season are high in quality, low in price

VEGETABLE STORAGE

- Keep perishable vegetables in refrigerator
- Tomatoes—uncovered at room temperature
- Onions—open containers room temperature
- Potatoes, hard-rind squash, eggplant, rutabagas, and sweet potatoes—cool, dark, dry place

COST OF VEGETABLES



- Cost of fresh vegetables depends on the season, supply and demand.
- Cost is less during vegetables peak growing season.
- Off season vegetable costs include storage, handling, and shipping charges

Cooking vegetables causes changes:

- CELLULOSE(fiber)—softens to make chewing easier
- STARCH—absorbs water, swells, and becomes easier to digest
- FLAVOR—undergo changes, usually enhanced
- COLOR—brightens and deepens, overcooking can bring color loss

Properly cooked vegetables are:

Colorful

- Flavorful
- Nutritious



Tender-crisp...still slightly firm

Overcooked Vegetables

- Undesirable color changes
- Texture becomes soft and mushy
- Flavors become bland
- Nutrients may leach into cooking water

COOKING METHODS



Boiling

Steaming





Cook

Fry or **Stir-Fry**



Microwave





Roasting or **Baking** **Broiling** or Grilling



Vegetable Cooking Liquids

- Full of water-soluble vitamins and minerals
- Save for use in soups and gravies



Let's prepare a Vegetable Round Robin

