

Meeting Your Calcium Needs

Aim for 1200-1500 mg of calcium every day from food and supplements!

CALCIUM FROM SUPPLEMENTS CALCIUM FROM FOODS 1 cup milk or milk alternative: 300-400 mg 4 oz low fat cottage cheese or ricotta cheese or 6 oz yogurt*: 100-300 mg 1/2 cup cooked spinach, collard greens, kale, okra: 90-135 mg 3 oz canned salmon or sardines: 180 -300 mg 1/4 cup Tofu, fortified with calcium* Check out the vitamin shopping guide 215 mg Remember: 1 oz almonds: 1. Separate calcium from iron or multivitamin with iron 75 mg by 2 hours Protein shakes and powder*: 2. Take no more than 630mg of calcium at a time 100-600 mg (check the label) 3. Separate each calcium dose by 4 hours



Using Food Labels to Check Calcium

Serving size 5.3	oz (150g)
Amount Per Serving Calories	100
	% Daily Value
Total Fat 2.5g	3%
Saturated Fat 1.5g	8%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 10mg	3%
Sodium 90mg	4%
Fotal Carbohydrate 13g	5%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Total Sugars 12g	
Includes 5g Added Sugars	10%
Protein 7g	14%
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Calcium 275mg	20%
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Potassium 340mg	8%

Calcium is now a requirement on food labels. This yogurt contains 275 mg of calcium per serving which means you will need an additional 1000-1200 mg to reach your daily goal.

Sample Day		
Time	Food	Calcium (1200-1500 mg daily goal)
Breakfast	Protein Smoothie 1 scoop protein powder 6 oz unsweetened almond milk ½ cup frozen berries ½ frozen banana 1 tsp cocoa powder	140 mg 330 mg
Lunch	3 oz canned salmon 1 cup mixed greens 1 Tsp olive oil	240 mg
Snack	1 string cheese	150 mg
	Total calcium from food:	= 860 mg

Take additional 400-600 mg calcium from supplements to reach 1200-1500 mg this day!