









# STRENGTH 7-Day Healthy Meal Plan

Nutrition that gives you strength to be your best self.





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### Monday

### Fruit Smoothie + Trail Mix Bar

½ cup plain, fat-free Greek yogurt

½ cup fat-free milk

1½ cups baby spinach

½ cup fresh strawberries

½ cup fresh blueberries

1 scoop whey protein powder

1 trail mix bar

Protein: 33g

# **Peanut Butter Banana Toast**

1 slice whole grain bread

1 Tbsp. peanut butter

1 banana

Protein: 8g

# Grilled Steak + Asian Noodle Salad



+ Grapes

4 oz. beef, top sirloin steak, cooked

1 cup cooked whole grain spaghetti

½ cup shredded carrots

½ cup red bell pepper

⅓ cup sugar snap peas

1 tsp light Asian sesame dressing

1 tsp hoisin sauce

1½ tsp lime juice

½ cup grapes

Protein: 35g

### **Beef Jerky with Greek Yogurt + Crackers** 1 piece (0.7 oz.) beef jerky



8 oz. plain, fat-free Greek yogurt 3 whole grain crackers

Protein: 31g

Calorie Saver Swap

Replace Greek yogurt and crackers with 1 clementine Saves 160 calories

### Protein Loaded Sweet Potato + Milk



2 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\* (e.g., 93% lean ground beef, lean ground pork lean ground turkey)

1 sweet potato

½ cup cooked brown rice

1/4 cup low-sodium black beans

2 Tbsp. guacamole

2 Tbsp. low-fat shredded cheddar cheese

2 tsp olive oil

1 cup fat-free milk

Protein: 37g



Recipe available at

BeefItsWhatsForDinner.com

Calories 2,037; Carbohydrate 257g; Protein 144g; Total Fat 52g; Saturated Fat 13g; Sodium 2,116mg; Added Sugar 3g

\*Nutrition analysis reflects lean ground beef

The protein in beef is a powerful nutrient that helps strengthen and sustain the body. Beef is an excellent source of complete, high-quality protein, providing all essential amino acids the body needs for optimal health.2 Many Americans may benefit from a moderateto higher-protein diet because of its positive role in weight management, healthy aging and disease prevention. 1,3,4,5,6,7 The following 7-day menu showcases how beef can be incorporated into a healthy eating pattern, distributing protein intake evenly throughout the day.\*

This meal plan is based on a 2,000 calorie/day diet and provides general guidance for a balanced diet to maintain a healthy weight. Individual energy needs may vary. The menus below provide general guidance with some calorie-saving suggestions to reduce total calories, if needed. To determine your individual energy requirements, please consult a registered dietitian.

\*Each daily menu is based on a 2,000-calorie diet and includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and a morning and afternoon snack. Beef was incorporated into at least one meal per day. Recipes were sourced from Beef. It's What's For Dinner recipe collections. Calorie, food group and nutrient limits were identified using the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and were based on a Healthy U.S.-Style eating pattern. Nutrition analysis may vary depending on the protein selected for meals indicating "protein of choice" — the protein used in the analysis is noted.

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### Beef + Spinach Breakfast Sandwich

3 oz. beef, top sirloin steak, cooked

1 egg, scrambled

Tuesday

2 Tbsp. baby spinach

2 Tbsp. tomatoes

1 slice fat-free Swiss cheese

1 whole wheat sandwich thin

1 cup fat-free milk Protein: 45g

**Peanut Butter Banana Toast** + Cottage Cheese

3/4 cup unsalted, low-fat cottage cheese

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of complete,

high-quality

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optimal health.

1 slice whole grain bread

1 Tbsp. peanut butter

1 banana

Wednesday

1 cup fat-free milk Protein: 38g

Crackers + Grapes

Calorie Saver Swap

Saves 115 calories

Sandwich + Steamed Carrots

1/2 whole grain pita bread

2 cups romaine lettuce

1/3 cup cherry tomatoes

1/₃ cup cucumber

1 cup fat-free milk

1 Tbsp. fat-free mayo

1 cup baby carrots

1 Tbsp. mustard

1 Tbsp. relish

Protein: 41g

Protein: 7g

3 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\* (e.g., low-

sodium deli roast beef, chicken breast, turkey)

½ cup grapes

Protein: 3g

5 whole grain crackers

1 slice whole grain bread

1 Tbsp. peanut butter

### **Peanut Butter Banana Toast**

Protein: 8g

# **Blueberry Yogurt Parfait**

½ cup plain, fat-free Greek yogurt

2 Tbsp. granola

½ cup fresh blueberries

Protein: 13g

+ Grapes

### 4 oz. beef, top sirloin steak, cooked

1 cup cooked whole grain spaghetti

Grilled Steak + Asian Noodle Salad

½ cup shredded carrots

½ cup red bell pepper

½ cup grapes Protein: 35g

1/3 cup red onion

4 Kalamata olives

1/4 cup hummus

1 whole grain pita bread

3 oz. chicken breast

1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1 Tbsp. olive oil

Protein: 42g

# **Beef Jerky with Greek Yogurt + Crackers**

1 piece (0.7 oz.) beef jerky

8 oz. plain, fat-free Greek yogurt

3 whole grain crackers

Saves 160 calories

# **Apple + Peanut Butter**

1 apple

Protein: 7g

Replace apple with ½ cup celery and reduce

to 1 Tbsp. peanut butter

# Hard-Cooked Egg + Mixed Veggies

Replace crackers and grapes with 10 baby carrots

1 hard-cooked egg

⅓ cup cherry tomatoes

⅓ cup sugar snap peas

Asian-Style Noodle Bowl

2 oz. cooked soba noodles

\*Nutrition analysis reflects strip steak

1/₃ cup red pepper

1/3 cup baby carrots

1/₃ cup bok choy

3 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\*

(e.g., beef strip steak, salmon, tofu)

# Farmer's Market Vegetable, Beef,

### 4 oz. beef, top round steak, cooked

½ cup summer squash

3/4 cup cooked brown rice

½ cup tomatoes

Marinade: 1 Tbsp. olive oil, ½ Tbsp. lemon juice,

1/4 Tbsp. garlic, 1/4 Tbsp. honey, 1/2 tsp fresh thyme,

pinch of salt, pinch of pepper

Protein: 49g

# Greek Salad + Pita + Hummus

2 cups romaine lettuce

1/3 cup tomato

1/₃ cup cucumber

1 Tbsp. low-fat feta

· 2 Tbsp. peanut butter

Calorie Saver Swap

Saves 180 calories

# + Brown Rice Salad

1/4 tsp. olive oil

½ cup asparagus

1/4 cup garbanzo beans 1 Tbsp. fresh basil

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Protein: 31g

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Protein Loaded Sweet Potato + Milk 2 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\* (e.g., 93% lean ground beef, lean ground pork,

lean ground turkey) 1 sweet potato ½ cup cooked brown rice

1/4 cup low-sodium black beans 2 Tbsp. quacamole

2 Tbsp. low-fat shredded cheddar cheese

2 tsp olive oil 1 cup fat-free milk

Protein: 37g

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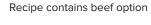
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1/3 cup sugar snap peas 1 tsp light Asian sesame dressing 1 tsp hoisin sauce 1½ tsp lime juice



















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### Tuesday

2 Tbsp. tomatoes

1 cup fat-free milk

Protein: 45g

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1 slice fat-free Swiss cheese

1 whole wheat sandwich thin

3 oz. beef, top sirloin steak, cooked

1 egg, scrambled 2 Tbsp. baby spinach

+ Cottage Cheese

Wednesday

3/4 cup unsalted, low-fat cottage cheese 1 slice whole grain bread

**Peanut Butter Banana Toast** 

1 Tbsp. peanut butter 1 banana 1 cup fat-free milk Protein: 38g

## Thursday

# Saucy Beef with Baked Eggs + Apple

3 oz. 93% lean ground beef, cooked

1 Tbsp. jalapeño pepper 1 tsp garlic

1 tsp ground paprika ½ tsp ground cumin

⅓ cup tomato sauce, no salt added 1 egg

Greek Yogurt + Trail Mix Bar

8 oz. plain, fat-free Greek yogurt

1 slice French bread 1 cup fat-free milk

1 trail mix bar

Protein: 25g

1 apple Protein: 41g

# Friday

### **Cereal with Blueberries** + Hard-Cooked Egg

1½ cups whole grain cereal 1 cup fat-free milk ½ cup blueberries 2 hard-cooked eggs Protein: 30g

Banana + Cheese Stick

1 banana

Protein: 7g

# Egg + Spinach Breakfast Muffin

Saturday

1 whole grain English muffin 2 eggs, scrambled

Banana + Peanut Butter

2 Tbsp. peanut butter

1 cup baby spinach 1/4 cup part-skim shredded mozzarella 1 cup fat-free milk

Protein: 34g

1 banana

Protein: 9g

Sunday

## **Breakfast Beef Burrito**

4 oz. beef, top sirloin steak, cooked

1 egg, scrambled

1/8 cup shredded Mexican cheese

1/8 tsp ground pepper 1 flour tortilla 2 Tbsp. salsa 1 cup fat-free milk

Calorie Saver Swap

Remove shredded Mexican cheese

Saves 50 calories

Protein: 49g

Protein: 4g

**Tomato Salad** 

1 slice tomato

½ cup cucumber

½ cup tomato

1 Tbsp. olive oil

2 slices whole grain bread

1 slice fat-free swiss cheese

1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1 leaf romaine lettuce

1 Tbsp. fat-free mayo

3 oz. low-sodium deli roast beef

Roast Beef Sandwich + Cucumber

**Roasted Almonds + Blackberries** 

½ oz. roasted almonds ½ cup blackberries

1 Tbsp. peanut butter

# Protein: 13g

½ cup plain, fat-free Greek yogurt

**Blueberry Yogurt Parfait** 

½ cup fresh blueberries

2 Tbsp. granola

Greek Salad + Pita + Hummus

⅓ cup red onion ⅓ cup tomato ⅓ cup cucumber

2 cups romaine lettuce

4 Kalamata olives

1 Tbsp. low-fat feta ½ cup hummus

1 whole grain pita bread 3 oz. chicken breast 1 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar

1 Tbsp. olive oil Protein: 42g

**Apple + Peanut Butter** 1 apple · 2 Tbsp. peanut butter

Protein: 7g Calorie Saver Swap

Saves 180 calories

Replace apple with ½ cup celery and reduce to 1 Tbsp. peanut butter

1/₃ cup cucumber 1 cup fat-free milk 1 Tbsp. mustard

Crackers + Grapes

5 whole grain crackers

Calorie Saver Swap

Saves 115 calories

½ cup grapes

Protein: 3g

1 Tbsp. relish

Protein: 41g

# Hard-Cooked Egg + Mixed Veggies

1 hard-cooked egg ⅓ cup cherry tomatoes 1/3 cup sugar snap peas Protein: 7g

Replace crackers and grapes with 10 baby carrots

3 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\* (e.g., lowsodium deli roast beef, chicken breast, turkey)

Sandwich + Steamed Carrots

1/2 whole grain pita bread 2 cups romaine lettuce

1/3 cup cherry tomatoes

1 Tbsp. fat-free mayo 1 cup baby carrots

### Protein-Stuffed Pita + Strawberries 1/2 whole grain pita bread

Replace trail mix bar with 1 clementine

4 oz. canned light tuna 1 slice romaine lettuce

Calorie Saver Swap

Saves 110 calories

1 slice tomato 1 Tbsp. fat-free mayo

1 cup celery 1 cup strawberries Protein: 42g

**Baby Carrots + Hummus** 

½ cup baby carrots

1/4 cup hummus

Protein: 5g

Sandwich + Mixed Veggies 3 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\*

(e.g., low-sodium deli roast beef, chicken breast, tuna (drained))

1 part-skim mozzarella cheese stick

2 slices whole grain bread

1 cup romaine lettuce 1 Tbsp. mustard

1 Tbsp. peanut butter

Calorie Saver Swap

Saves 110 calories

- 2 Tbsp. granola

Protein: 5g

-1 apple

1 Tbsp. fat-free mayo 1 cup frozen green beans and carrots Protein: 35g

Apple + Peanut Butter + Granola

3 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\* (e.g., beef top sirloin, chicken breast, tofu)

Southwest Salad + Pita Bread

2 cups romaine lettuce 1/4 cup low-sodium black beans

1/4 cup tomatoes

1/4 cup sweet corn

2 Tbsp. red onion 2 Tbsp. low-fat shredded cheddar cheese 1½ Tbsp. low-fat creamy chipotle dressing

1/2 whole grain pita bread Protein: 39g

# Beef Jerky + Cheese + Crackers

1 piece (0.7oz) beef jerky

5 whole grain crackers 1½ oz. part-skim mozzarella cheese Protein: 19g

Calorie Saver Swap

Replace crackers and cheese with 10 baby carrots Saves 170 calories

## String Cheese + Apple 1 apple

Protein: 33g

1 part-skim mozzarella string cheese

# 2 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\*

1 sweet potato

1/4 cup low-sodium black beans

2 Tbsp. guacamole 2 Tbsp. low-fat shredded cheddar cheese

2 tsp olive oil 1 cup fat-free milk

# **Asian-Style Noodle Bowl**

1/3 cup red pepper

1/₃ cup baby carrots

1/₃ cup bok choy

3 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\* (e.g., beef strip steak, salmon, tofu) 2 oz. cooked soba noodles



### Farmer's Market Vegetable, Beef, + Brown Rice Salad 4 oz. beef, top round steak, cooked

1/4 tsp. olive oil

½ cup asparagus ½ cup summer squash 3/4 cup cooked brown rice ½ cup tomatoes

1/4 cup garbanzo beans 1 Tbsp. fresh basil Marinade: 1 Tbsp. olive oil, ½ Tbsp. lemon juice, 1/4 Tbsp. garlic, 1/4 Tbsp. honey, 1/2 tsp fresh thyme, pinch of salt, pinch of pepper Protein: 49g

# **Asian-Style Brown Rice Bowl** + Blackberries

3 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\* (e.g., beef strip steak, boneless, skinless chicken breast, tofu)

1 cup cooked brown rice 1/4 cup edamame 1/4 cup red bell pepper 1/4 cup baby carrots 1/4 cup water chestnuts 1½ Tbsp. olive oil ½ cup blackberries Protein: 38g

Added Sugar Og

### Grilled Steak + Mozzarella Flatbread + Roasted Brussels Sprouts

4 oz. beef, top sirloin steak, cooked 1/4 tsp lemon pepper seasoning 1/4 cup baby spinach 1 oz. part-skim mozzarella cheese 1/2 tsp fresh basil 1/8 tsp balsamic vinegar 1 whole grain pita bread 1 Tbsp. olive oil 1 cup Brussels sprouts

Replace apple with ½ cup celery and remove granola

1 cup fat-free milk Protein: 52g

## Beef + Asparagus Pasta Toss + Pear 4 oz. 93% lean ground beef,

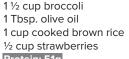
crumbles, cooked 1 cup cooked bow tie pasta 3 asparagus spears

1/4 Tbsp. olive oil 1 Tbsp. shallots 1/4 Tbsp. garlic 1 pear

Protein: 35g

### **Protein Power Bowl + Strawberries** 4 oz. lean protein of choice, cooked\* (e.g., beef top round steak,

pork tenderloin, salmon) 1½ cup broccoli 1 Tbsp. olive oil



½ cup strawberries Protein: 51g





Recipe contains beef option

# Total Fat 52g; Saturated Fat 13g; Sodium 2,116mg; \*Nutrition analysis reflects lean ground beef

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### Calories 2,099; Carbohydrate 223g; Protein 136g; Total Fat 80g; Saturated Fat 24g; Sodium 2,171mg; Added Sugar 3g \*Nutrition analysis reflects chicken breast

Calories 1,994; Carbohydrate 185g; Protein 143g Total Fat 76g; Saturated Fat 21g; Sodium 2,160mg; Added Sugar Og \*Nutrition analysis reflects top round steak

# Grocery List

Produce	Dairy	Frozen Foods
□ Apples	☐ Cheddar cheese, low-fat (shredded) ☐ Cottage cheese, low-fat, unsalted	☐ Frozen edamame
☐ Asparagus		☐ Frozen green beans
☐ Baby spinach		and carrots
□ Bananas		☐ Frozen sweet corn
☐ Basil, fresh	□ Eggs	
□ Blackberries	☐ Feta cheese, low-fat	Canned/Jarred Goods
□ Blueberries	☐ Greek yogurt, plain, fat-free	☐ Black beans, low-sodium
☐ Bok choy	☐ Mexican blend cheese (shredded)	☐ Garbanzo beans
□ Broccoli	□ Milk, fat-free	☐ Kalamata olives
☐ Brussels sprouts	☐ Mozzarella cheese, part-skim (shredded, ball, string cheese)	☐ Salad dressing, Asian Sesame light
□ Carrots (shredded and baby)		
□ Celery	☐ Swiss cheese, fat-free (sliced)	□ Salad dressing, Creamy Chipotle
□ Cucumber		☐ Tuna, light, in water
☐ Garlic	Deli	□ Water chestnuts
☐ Grapes	□ Guacamole	
□ Jalapeño peppers	□ Hummus	Pantry Items You May
□ Pears	☐ Low-sodium deli roast beef	Already Have
□ Red bell pepper	□ Low-sodium deli turkey breast (optional)	☐ Balsamic vinegar
□ Red onion		☐ Ground black pepper
□ Romaine lettuce		☐ Ground paprika
□ Shallots	Grains	☐ Ground cumin
☐ Strawberries	□ Bread, whole grain	☐ Hoisin sauce
☐ Sugar snap peas	☐ Brown rice	□ Honey
☐ Summer squash	☐ Cereal, whole grain	□ Lemon pepper
☐ Sweet potatoes	☐ English muffin, whole grain	□ Lemon juice
☐ Thyme, fresh	□ French bread	☐ Lime juice
☐ Tomatoes (Roma and cherry)	□ Pasta, spaghetti, whole grain	□ Mayonnaise, fat-free
	□ Pasta, bow tie	☐ Mustard
Meat	☐ Pita bread, whole grain	□ Olive oil
□ Beef, ground, 93% lean	<ul><li>☐ Sandwich thins, 100% whole wheat</li><li>☐ Soba noodles</li><li>☐ Tortilla, flour 10"</li></ul>	□ Peanut butter
☐ Beef, top round		□ Relish
☐ Beef, top sirloin		□ Salsa
☐ Beef, strip steak		□ Salt
☐ Chicken breast		☐ Tomato sauce, no salt added
□ Pork, ground, lean (optional)	Snacks	
□ Pork tenderloin (optional)	□ Beef jerky □ Almonds, roasted	Miscellaneous
☐ Salmon (optional)		☐ Whey protein powder
□ Tofu (optional)	□ Crackers, whole grain	ers, whole grain



☐ Turkey, ground, lean (optional)



□ Granola

☐ Trail mix bars