

## STRENGTH 7-Day Healthy Meal Plan

Nutrition that gives you strength to be your best self.

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Fruit Smoothie + Trail Mix Bar
$1 / 2$ cup plain, fat-free Greek yogurt $1 / 2$ cup fat-free milk
$11 / 2$ cups baby spinach
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$1 / 2$ cup fresh strawberries
$1 / 2$ cup fresh strawberries
$1 / 2$ cup fresh blueberries
1 scoop whey protein powder
1 trail mix bar
Protein: 33g

## Peanut Butter Banana Toas

1 slice whole grain bread
1 Tbsp. peanut butter
1 banana
Protein: 8g
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Grilled Steak + Asian Noodle Salad + Grapes
4 oz. beef, top sirloin steak, cooked
1 cup cooked whole grain spaghetti
$1 / 2$ cup shredded carrots
$1 / 2$ cup red bell pepper
$1 / 2$ cup red bell pepper
$1 / 3$ cup sugar snap peas
$1 / 3$ cup sugar snap peas
tsp light Asian sesame dressing
$11 / 2$ tsp lime juice
$1 / 2$ tsp lime juic
$1 / 2$ cup grapes
Protein: 35g


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. ${ }^{1}$ 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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## Produce

$\square$ Apples
$\square$ Asparagus
$\square$ Baby spinach

- Bananas
$\square$ Basil, fresh
$\square$ BlackberriesBlueberries
$\square$ Bok choyBroccoli
$\square$ Brussels sprouts
$\square$ Carrots (shredded and baby)Celery
$\square$
Cucumber
$\square$ Garlic
$\square$ Grapes
$\square$ Jalapeño peppers
$\square$ Pears
$\square$ Red bell pepper
$\square$ Red onion
$\square$ Romaine lettuce
$\square$ Shallots
$\square$ Strawberries
$\square$ Sugar snap peas
$\square$ Summer squash
$\square$ Sweet potatoes
$\square$ Thyme, fresh
$\square$ Tomatoes (Roma and cherry)


## Meat

$\square$ Beef, ground, $93 \%$ lean
$\square$ Beef, top round
$\square$ Beef, top sirloin
$\square$ Beef, strip steak
$\square$ Chicken breast
$\square$ Pork, ground, lean (optional)
$\square$ Pork tenderloin (optional)
$\square$ Salmon (optional)
$\square$ Tofu (optional)
$\square$ Turkey, ground, lean (optional)

## Dairy

$\square$ Cheddar cheese, low-fat (shredded)
$\square$ Cottage cheese, low-fat, unsalted
$\square$ Eggs
$\square$ Feta cheese, low-fat
$\square$ Greek yogurt, plain, fat-free
$\square$ Mexican blend cheese (shredded)
$\square$ Milk, fat-free
$\square$ Mozzarella cheese, part-skim (shredded, ball, string cheese)
$\square$ Swiss cheese, fat-free (sliced)

## Deli

$\square$ Guacamole
$\square$ Hummus
$\square$ Low-sodium deli roast beef
$\square$ Low-sodium deli turkey breast (optional)

## Grains

$\square$ Bread, whole grain
$\square$ Brown rice
$\square$ Cereal, whole grain
$\square$ English muffin, whole grain
$\square$ French bread
$\square$ Pasta, spaghetti, whole grain
$\square$ Pasta, bow tie
$\square$ Pita bread, whole grain
$\square$ Sandwich thins, 100\% whole wheat
$\square$ Soba noodles
$\square$ Tortilla, flour 10"

## Snacks

$\square$ Beef jerky
$\square$ Almonds, roasted
$\square$ Crackers, whole grain
$\square$ Granola
$\square$ Trail mix bars

## Frozen Foods

$\square$ Frozen edamame
$\square$ Frozen green beans and carrots
$\square$ Frozen sweet corn

## Canned/Jarred Goods

Black beans, low-sodium
Garbanzo beans
Kalamata olives
$\square$ Salad dressing, Asian Sesame, light
$\square$ Salad dressing, Creamy
Chipotle
Tuna, light, in water
$\square$ Water chestnuts

## Pantry Items You May <br> Already Have

Balsamic vinegar
$\square$ Ground black pepper
$\square$ Ground paprika
$\square$ Ground cumin
$\square$ Hoisin sauce
$\square$ Honey
$\square$ Lemon pepper

- Lemon juice
$\square$ Lime juice
$\square$ Mayonnaise, fat-free
$\square$ Mustard
$\square$ Olive oil
$\square$ Peanut butter
$\square$ Relish
$\square$ Salsa
$\square$ Salt
$\square$ Tomato sauce, no salt added


## Miscellaneous

$\square$ Whey protein powder

