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KIWIFRUIT NUTRITION A GUIDE FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



NOURISH AND FLOURISH WITH ZESPRI™



Meet the Fuzzy Fruit from New Zealand

New Zealand kiwifruit has helped adults and children alike nourish and flourish with great taste and abundant nutrition for over 100 years.

More than a century ago, in 1904, New Zealand teacher Isabel Fraser returned from a trip to China with some very special black seeds. The seeds were sprouted and, in doing so, the New Zealand kiwifruit industry was born.

Hayward Wright, however, is the person responsible for the start of ZESPRITM Kiwifruit. In 1928, he grew his first vines in the Bay of Plenty's rich volcanic soils and mild climate. Since then, the "Hayward" cultivar has been grown and exported all over the world.

Exports to Europe began in the early 1950s and the fruit originally called Chinese gooseberry was renamed kiwifruit – after New Zealand's national bird, the kiwi. It arrived in San Francisco in 1959.

> GREEN Kiwifruit is in season May - November. GOLD Kiwifruit is in season May - September.

What is ZESPRI™?

ZESPRI[™] is the brand name for all kiwifruit grown in New Zealand. ZESPRI[™] International is owned by more than 2,700 growers and sells more than 100 million trays of **conventionallygrown and organic GREEN and GOLD kiwifruit each year**.



ZESPRI Strikes GOLD

ZESPRI™ GOLD Kiwifruit is the most recent addition to the ZESPRI™ Kiwifruit family. It has a smooth hairless skin that is bronze in color, a golden flesh interior, and a white core with black seeds.

Taste-wise, ZESPRI™ GOLD Kiwifruit has a sweet, uniquely tropical flavor. It contains many of the same vitamins and minerals as ZESPRI™ GREEN Kiwifruit, but with slightly higher levels of vitamin E and folate.

ZESPRI™ GOLD Kiwifruit is a unique cultivar, and was naturally bred from one seedling planted in 1992.

Consistently Better

The unique `ZESPRI[™] System' ensures consistency in size, appearance and taste. This world class orchard-to-retail system delivers delicious fruit while using environmentally-considerate methods to grow, cultivate, store and ship the fruit — all reasons why ZESPRI[™] is consistently better than the competition!

Nutrient Density in Every Scoop

Both GREEN and GOLD kiwifruit are nutritional powerhouses! Loaded with vitamins and minerals, kiwifruit provides a nutrient dense option that easily outranks other foods and fits into most nutrition plans. Also, kiwifruit's powerful nutrition doesn't come with a heavy caloric cost — one serving is less than 100 calories.

- A two-piece serving of kiwifruit has twice the vitamin C of an orange, as much potassium as a banana and as much fiber as many whole grain cereals (4 grams of fiber per serving for GREEN and 2 grams of fiber per serving for GOLD) all for less than 100 calories.
- Kiwifruit is recognized as a SuperFood, a food that promotes health and fights disease, as declared by Dr. Stephen Pratt and Dr. Wendy Bazilian.^{1,2}
- Kiwifruit is a low-fat source of vitamin E, which is rare among fruits. Most other sources of vitamin E are not low-fat choices.
- Kiwifruit is a natural, unfortified source of folate. GOLD kiwifruit is considered a good source of this nutrient.



Bite for bite, kiwifruit is one of the most nutrient-dense fruits in the world.³



Scientific Research

Studies continue to demonstrate the nutritious impact of kiwifruit. From heart health and DNA repair to antioxidant absorption and immune response, kiwifruit shows that a small fruit can pack a big nutritional punch. See the next four pages for more information about specific nutrients and health implications.

Nutrient Comparison

ZESPRI[™] GREEN KIWIFRUIT

Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 2 Medium Kiwifruit (148g)
Servings Per Container Varies

Calories	90	Ca	lories fr	om Fat	5
				Daily Va	ue'
otal Fat	1a				2%
Saturat	ed Fat	0g		C	0%
Trans F	at 0q	Ŭ			
Choleste	rol Orr	ng		C)%
Sodium	0mg	0		C)%
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Total Car		· ·	22a	7	%
Dietary	Fiber	4a	0	16	%
Sugars		. 5			
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Vitamin A	0%	•	Vitam	in C 23	ე%
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Total Fat	Calori		2,000	2,500	
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Sat Eat				209	
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ZESPRI™	GOLD	KIWIFRUIT
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Nutrition Facts Serving Size 2 Medium Kiwifruit (150g) Servings Per Container Varies

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Calories	80 C	alories fr	om Fat 10
		%	Daily Value
Total Fat	1g		2%
Saturat	ed Fat 0g		0%
Trans F	at Og		
Cholester	ol 0mg		0%
Sodium Omg			0%
Potassium 450mg			13%
Total Carl	ohydrate	17g	6%
Dietary	Fiber 2a		8%
Sugars	23a		
Protein 2	<u> </u>		
	y		
Vitamin A)% •	Vitam	in C 270%
Calcium 4	% • Iron 4	% • Vita	min E 15%
	Your daily val	ues may be calorie neec	higher or s:
Total Eat	Calories	2,000	2,500
Sat Fat	Less than	65g 20g	80g 25g
Cholesterol	Less than	20g 300ma	25g 300mg
		2,400mg	2.400mg
Sodium Total Carbohy	Less than	300a	375g



Nutrient Dense Choices

Everyday wellness starts with lots of nutrients for just a few calories. Kiwifruit offers essential nutrients that have been linked to good health and disease prevention, such as potassium and vitamin C. So much so, in fact, a few fruits might feel a little intimidated.

GREEN and GOLD kiwifruit also play an important role in **weight management**. Each two-piece serving contains less than 100 calories, so you get great nutrition for a very modest amount of your calorie allotment.

Potassium plays an important role in maintaining healthy blood pressure. Increased consumption of potassium-rich foods, such as kiwifruit, has the potential to lower blood pressure by 10% or more.⁴ In addition, it is an under-consumed nutrient for most Americans.⁵ **GREEN and GOLD kiwifruit are good sources of potassium, containing as much as a banana.** GREEN contains 13% Daily Value (DV); GOLD contains 13% DV.

Vitamin C is recognized as an important antioxidant with ties to cancer prevention⁶ and improved iron absorption.⁵ A two-piece serving of **kiwifruit has more than twice the vitamin C of an orange.** GREEN contains 230% DV; GOLD contains 270% DV.



Vitamin E has been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease.^{7,8} It is under-consumed by most Americans, according to the U.S. Dietary Guidelines.⁵ **GREEN and GOLD kiwifruit are considered good, lowfat sources of vitamin E, which is rare among fruits.** GREEN contains 10% DV; GOLD contains 15% DV.

Low calorie content is another benefit of kiwifruit. GREEN and GOLD are naturally portion-controlled in that each two-piece serving has less than 100 calories. GREEN contains 90 calories per serving; GOLD contains 80.

Dietary fiber plays an active role in preventing and relieving constipation and has been shown to lower the risk of diabetes and heart disease.^{9,10} GREEN contains 4 grams of fiber, **as much fiber as many whole grain cereals.** GOLD also is a source of fiber, containing 2 grams.

Folate is best known for its role in preventing neural birth defects. **GOLD kiwifruit is considered a good source of this nutrient** and contains 10% DV.





Reducing the Risk, from Head to Toe

Beyond everyday wellness, researchers around the world are attracted to kiwifruit for its potential to prevent a wide variety of health problems. While the majority of research to date focuses on GREEN kiwifruit, new research explores the benefits of GOLD. With similar nutrition profiles and range of phytonutrients, there's every reason to support a recommendation for both GREEN and GOLD kiwifruit in the U.S. diet.

Nutrient Density: Researchers analyzed the nutrient-density of 27 of the most popular fruits based on the ability of a standard 100 grams of each fruit to provide the recommended amounts of 29 dietary constituents. **Kiwifruit topped the list**, solidifying it as one of the most nutrient dense fruits in the world.³

Antioxidant Bioavailability: The focus of antioxidant research has changed from quantity to bioavailability. The antioxidants in kiwifruit, most notably vitamin C, are among the most readily absorbed by the body. **So, move over berries** – kiwifruit consumption was shown to increase cells' resistance to oxidative damage and produce a significant increase in blood antioxidant capacity.¹¹

Heart Health: Heart disease is the number one killer in America, with one in three adults having one or more forms of the disease.¹² Kiwifruit is a good source of potassium and vitamin E, two nutrients that impact heart health. Research also shows that kiwifruit consumption can significantly reduce blood platelet aggregation, decreasing the chance of the type of blood clot that can lead to a heart attack or stroke.¹³

DNA Repair: Eating kiwifruit daily may provide substantial protection against the kind of DNA damage that can cause cancer. Repair to lymphocyte DNA was remarkable after human participants consumed one to three kiwifruit daily over three consecutive, three-week periods. The DNA repair rate almost doubled among participants who ate up to three kiwifruit per day.¹⁴

Immune Response: Kiwifruit may help improve the body's natural defense response. Recent animal studies show an extract from both varieties of **kiwifruit created a better immune response** to two types of vaccination. The levels of antibodies produced against the vaccinations in blood and surface cells, and the levels of protective innate immunity cells, were positively affected in the study. The findings support previous research which showed GOLD kiwifruit can modulate an antigen-specific immune response.^{15,16}

Eye Health: Kiwifruit is the best fruit source of lutein, a phytonutrient scientists believe may protect against age-related macular degeneration (AMD). AMD is the leading cause of irreversible blindness among older Americans.¹⁷

Regularity: Kiwifruit can relieve the effects of constipation. Eating two to three kiwifruit each day can improve regularity and the consistency of stool in otherwise healthy people who have problems with constipation.¹⁸

Boosting Nutrition for the Big and Small

It is a bit alarming, but most Americans need to *triple* their current intake of fruits and vegetables in order to meet federal recommendations. In fact, the average person consumes less than two cups of fruit or vegetables in a typical day.¹⁹ With children, there's even more reason to ramp up fruit consumption, as healthy eating habits will last a lifetime.

Lunchbox-friendly GREEN and GOLD kiwifruit can help. A two-piece serving of kiwifruit is equivalent to one cup of fruit and serves as another option to help meet daily fruit consumption. Daily requirements of fruit vary from one to two cups depending on age, sex and level of physical activity.²⁰

Children	2 - 3 years old 4 - 8 years old	1 cup 1 ½ cups
Girls	9 - 13 years old 14 - 18 years old	1 ½ cups 1 ½ cups
Boys	9 - 13 years old 14 - 18 years old	1 ½ cups 2 cups
Women	19 - 30 years old 31 - 50 years old 51+ years old	2 cups 1 ½ cups 1 ½ cups
Men	19 - 30 years old 31 - 50 years old	2 cups 2 cups

Daily Recommendation*

* These amounts are appropriate for individuals who get less than 30 minutes per day of moderate physical activity, beyond normal daily activities.



Kiwifruit are the perfect substitute for high-calorie, high-sugar junk foods.

No Empty Calories!

Childhood obesity has nearly tripled in the past three decades,^{21,22} leaving parents in search of healthier kid-friendly options. Kiwifruit add fun and flavor to kids' meals, while also supplying valuable nutrients in a portion-controlled format. Kids like the sweet taste of both GREEN and GOLD, and they also enjoy the fun "cut and scoop" eating method, so kiwifruit can appeal to even the fussiest of eaters.

Try simple mealtime strategies like lean grilled meats topped with fresh kiwifruit salsa or bake slices of kiwifruit into a quesadilla with low-fat cheese. Kiwifruit are also the perfect snacking substitute for high-calorie, high-sugar junk foods. The nutrient density is especially ideal for young children, who typically don't eat large quantities of any one food.





Kiwifruit & Quinoa Salad Prep Time: 10 min Cooking Time: 20 min

Makes: 6 servings

- 1/2 cup quinoa
- 2 ZESPRI[™] GREEN Kiwifruit, peeled, quartered and sliced
- 2 ZESPRI[™] GOLD Kiwifruit, peeled, quartered and sliced
- 1 cup red grapes, cut in half
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- 1/4 cup red onion, diced
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1⁄4 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp black pepper, ground

Rinse quinoa under running water for 1 minute. Place quinoa and 1 cup water in medium saucepan. Bring to boil over high heat. Cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 15 to 20 minutes or until all water is absorbed. Fluff with fork. Cool completely.

Place quinoa in large bowl. Add ZESPRI™ Kiwifruit, grapes, tomatoes and red onion; set aside.

Whisk oil, vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper in small bowl. Pour over quinoa mixture; toss lightly until blended. Serve immediately.

Nutritional Analysis per Serving: Calories 150 (32% Calories from Fat), 3g Protein, 24g Carbohydrate, 2g Fiber, 6g Fat, 1g Sat. Fat, 0g Trans Fat, 0mg Cholesterol, 105mg Sodium.





Prep Time: 10 min Makes: 4 servings

Fresh Kiwifruit Relish

- 3 ZESPRI[™] GREEN Kiwifruit, peeled, diced
- orange, peeled, segmented, chopped
- 1/2 cup red pepper, seeded, diced
- ¹/₂ cup tomato, seeded, diced
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/4 cup green onion, sliced
- 1 tbsp jalapeño pepper, seeded, diced
- 1 tbsp rice vinegar
- 1/2 tsp each salt and pepper

Combine all ingredients in medium bowl.

For full recipe, please visit www.zesprikiwi.com/recipes.

Nutritional Analysis per Serving for full recipe: Calories 380 (48% Calories from Fat), 32g Protein, 18g Carbohydrate, 4g Fiber, 21g Fat, 5g Sat. Fat, 0g Trans Fat, 95mg Cholesterol, 390 mg Sodium



Potassium Power Smoothie

Prep Time: 5 min Makes: 2 servings

- 1 cup vanilla soymilk, fortified
- 1 cup orange juice, calcium fortified
- 2 ZESPRI™ GOLD Kiwifruit, washed, unpeeled, chopped*
- 1 banana, sliced
- 1/2 cup ice cubes
- 2 tbsp soy protein powder
- 1 tsp honey

Blend all ingredients in blender on high for 20 to 30 seconds or until smooth. Serve immediately.

* Peeled GREEN Kiwifruit can be substituted for this recipe.

Nutritional Analysis per Serving: Calories 280 (12% Calories from Fat), 10g Protein, 42g Carbohydrate, 6g Fiber, 3.5g Fat, 0g Sat. Fat, 0g Trans Fat, 0mg Cholesterol, 50mg Sodium.

For more healthy kiwifruit recipes, please visit www.zesprikiwi.com/recipes

Top 10 Ways to Add Kiwifruit to a Healthy Diet

- **1.** Gently blend kiwifruit into your favorite smoothie.
- **2.** Top a bowl of granola, oatmeal or yogurt with kiwifruit slices.
- **3.** Bake GOLD Kiwifruit, mango slices and low-fat cream cheese into a whole grain quesadilla.
- **4.** Surprise everyone with kiwifruit in unexpected places; try sushi rolls or dessert pizza.
- **5.** Ask for kiwifruit at your favorite restaurants.

- **6.** Toss GREEN kiwifruit into a fruit salad and top with a lime juice and ginger marinade.
- **7.** Dice GREEN kiwifruit, red onion and jalapeño and serve over salmon or chicken.
- **8.** Stir pieces of kiwifruit, toasted nuts and dried fruit into grain dishes like tabbouleh or couscous.
- **9.** Throw fruit kabobs on the grill, glazed in kiwi-honey marinade.
- **10.** Straight up! Just cut a kiwifruit in half and dig in with a spoon.



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