

Review of Home Activity

What did you do to reach your goal?

- What steps are you taking to maintain the changes you have made?
- If you didn't reach your goal, what were some of the challenges that got in the way?

Label Reading

• ood companies and supermarkets are very aware that we choose what we eat. how much we eat and where we buy our food. For this reason they spend a lot of time trying to find out what would encourage us to buy their foods. The way foods are labeled and displayed is important. It's hard to know if the food is a healthy lower-fat choice, if you don't understand food labels.

Introducing New Food Labels

Food labels have changed their looks. New labeling

laws were passed early in 1993. An example of the new label is shown on page 5.

Nutrition Panel

The nutrition panel is usually found on the side or back panel of the food package. Look for the following information: serving size and grams of fat to make your decision about a specific food.

Serving Size

Each food product has a serving size listed on the nutrition panel. On the new food labels, serving size is the same for similar foods. It reflects the amounts that people usually eat.

This standard serving size does not exist on older nutrition labels. Each food may have a different serving size. The serving size may also be very different from the amounts people usually eat. Be sure to look closely at the serving size.

Amount of Fat

Look at the label item that says **Total Fat**. The amount of fat is listed in grams on the label. It tells you the number of fat grams in the serving shown on the label. For example, the sample label of Frozen Yogurt on page 5 tells you that there are 3 grams of fat in one 1/2 cup serving.

How Much Fat Did You Eat?

The amount of fat that you eat depends on your serving size. You may eat larger or smaller servings than the serving size listed on the label. Is your serving more than the serving size listed on the label? If it is, then you are going to eat more fat.

Guidelines for Label Choices

You can use the guidelines shown below to help you decide if a food is lower-fat choice.

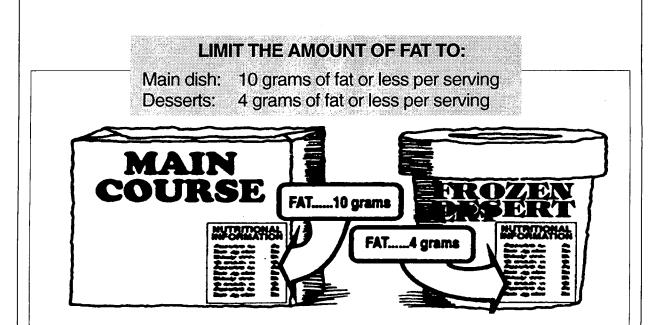
Example

If you eat a cup of frozen yogurt instead of the 1/2 cup listed on the label, you would be eating 6 grams of fat instead of 3 grams.

These guidelines are provided to help you make some quick decisions when reading labels. They are not meant to be "rules." You may choose to eat foods higher in fat and pick lower-fat side dishes and desserts. You may also decide to occasionally have a higher-fat food and spread the fat grams over a period of time. The choice is yours to make.

Ingredient List

Almost all packaged foods will have nutrition panels with the new labeling laws. Foods made by small companies or food in small packages (like candy bars) don't have to have nutrition panels. However, all of these foods will have a list of ingredients and a phone number or address where consumers can get more information.



Practice

Now find a label with a nutrition panel. Use Worksheet 4-1 (pg. 11) and decide whether the food is a good choice for your lower-fat eating plan.



A Closer Look at the New Food Labels

ever before have food labels provided so much information. You may feel overwhelmed at first. However, it will become easier to make decisions as you develop label-reading skills.

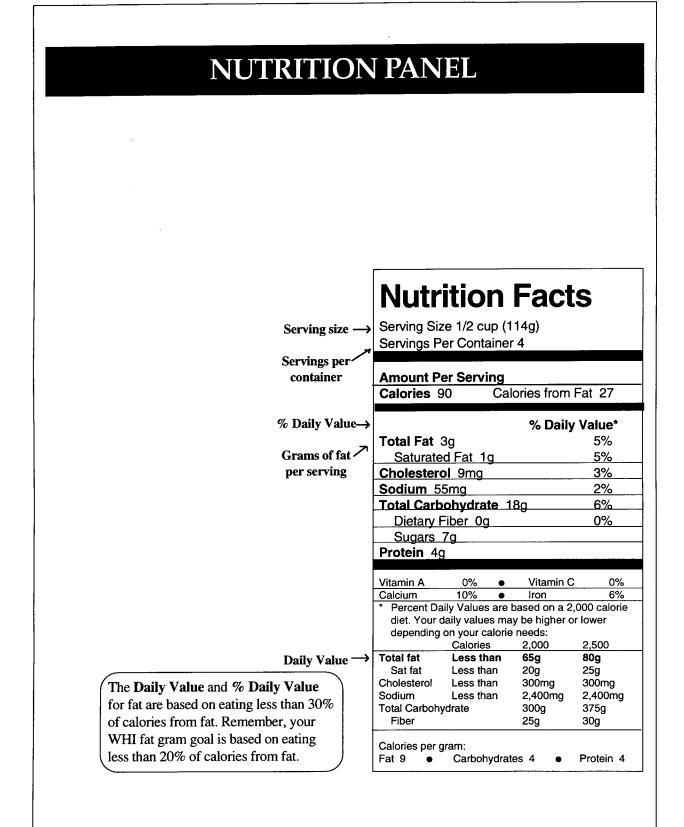
Daily Values and % Values

The new labels give Daily Values for a few key nutrients. These are meant to help consumers see how foods fit into a well-balanced diet. Look at the label example on page 5. Notice the Daily Value for fat is between 65 and 80 grams of fat per day. Your WHI fat gram goal is much lower than this number!

The Daily Value for fat on labels is based on guidelines for the general population. These guidelines recommend people eat less than 30% of calories from fat. Your WHI fat gram goal is based on eating less than 20% of calories from fat. Don't let the Daily Values and % Daily Values for fat confuse you. Compare the grams of fat per serving on the label to your fat gram goal. See how the food fits into your daily intake.

Misleading Information on Labels

The new label laws do a lot to help stop many of the misleading claims often found on labels in the past. Foods now have consistent definitions for eye-catching nutrition words like "low-fat" or "light." But, the definitions for some of these terms are still quite complicated. For more information about new labeling definitions and shopping tips, look at the Resource section of your Participant's Manual. The rule you should use is: <u>al-</u> <u>ways look for the grams</u> <u>of fat per serving and the</u> <u>serving size</u> on the label. Don't believe the advertising claims made on the front of the package.



Influences on Our Food Choices

In addition to the influence from food ads and commercials, we are also influenced by ourselves and the people around us. Your family, friends, and co-workers can help you change or can make it more difficult.

Even when you live alone, you normally join friends for lunch or other social occasions. We all want to fit in and be accepted by other people.

Let's start by identifying four different ways that you or others may influence your food choices. Read the descriptions that follow, and use Worksheet 4-2 (pgs. 12-13) to identify influences on your eating patterns. Write down the people who influence you and the type of foods you are encouraged to eat.

Expectations for Certain Foods

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Family members (or you) often have expectations for certain foods. Most people have foods they usually eat on weekends or for celebrations. Examples of these expectations might be desserts at the end of a meal, high-fat foods on holidays, or a spouse who expects snacks such as cookies and chips to be around the house.

What foods do you use or expect to have at certain times or occasions (i.e., weekends, holidays, etc.)?

Pressure to Eat High-Fat Foods

Sometimes people may pressure you to eat or prepare high-fat foods. Friends or family will buy a special treat or make a special dessert or meal "just for you." They want you to eat the special treat or meal. If you say "no thank you," they will feel hurt or disappointed. For example, a friend may ask you to taste her famous chocolate chip cookies, and will not take "no" for an answer. There could also be times when you plan a lower-fat dinner,

but then your family decides to go out for pizza.

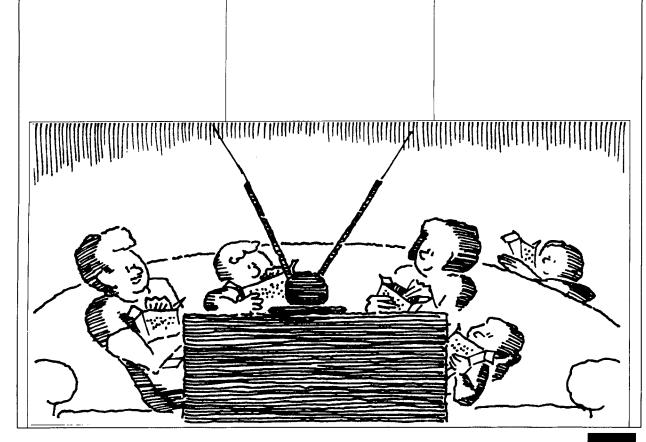
- What are some situations where you feel more pressure to eat high-fat foods?
- Who pressures you in these situations?

Availability of Foods Sometimes the influence is less direct. You are not pressured to eat, but foods are more available. For example, food is left out where you are tempted to eat it. Think about the ways that you or others around you make high-fat foods more available. Good examples are family members who eat chips or chocolate candy in front of you, or coworkers at work who bring donuts every Friday.

 How do you or others around you make higher-fat foods more available?

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Using Food as a Reward or for Comfort Foods have more meaning than filling us up when we're hungry. We often use food to celebrate happy occasions, such as birthdays, weddings or holidays. In addition, we use food for comfort or as a reward.

 What kind of foods do you use when you are feeling stressed or upset?

Complete Worksheet 4-2 to see how these different factors might influence your eating patterns. Think about who influences you. Is it yourself, other family members or friends? Can you work with them to reach your goal, or do you need to work around them? Once you know how your eating is influenced, you can do something to reduce the impact. Figure out how you are influenced and then decide on the best way to handle each situation. Worksheet 4-3 (pgs. 14-15) lists some ideas of ways you can deal with different influences on your eating. Check anything that you think will work for you. Keep this worksheet where you can find it. We will use it again in later sessions.

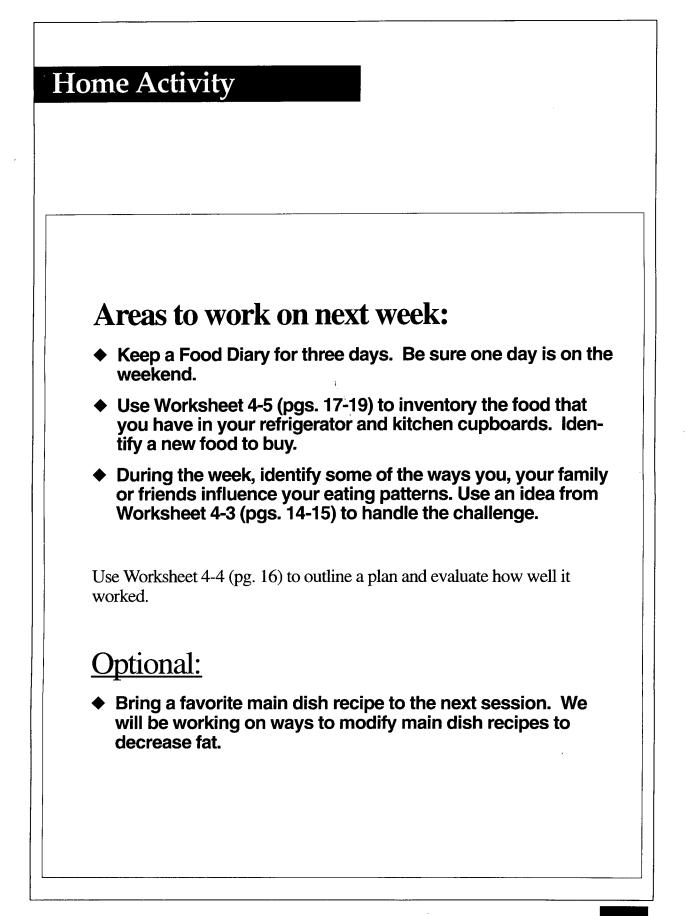
Summary

he food industry and supermarkets can have a big influence on the foods that you eat. They use labels and store displays to get your attention. Learning to read and understand nutrition labels helps you make better choices. It also increases your awareness of misleading nutrition ads on food packages.

There are many things that can influence the foods that you eat. It is important to identify your key challenges and work with the people around you to find the best solutions. However, if your family or friends don't want to change, there are other things you can do to change your own eating style.

Here are some questions for further thought:

- What area(s) of influence do you think is your biggest challenge?
- What steps could you take to work on this challenge?



Worksheet 4-1

Nutrition Label Worksheet

Compare two similar foods; look at the labels. Nutrition labels are usually found on the side panel or on the back of the package.

	Food 1	Food 2
Name of food:		
What is the serving size listed?		
How many grams of fat per serving are listed on the label?		· ·
What is your usual serving size of this food?		
How many grams of fat would be in the serving you usually eat?		
Is this food a good low-fat choice?	YesNo	□ Yes □ No
Which food is the best choice?		
When judging foods, be sure you are c size.	omparing the sa	me serving
Guidelines for Lowe	er-fat Choice	es
Main dish: 10 grams fat or less Dessert:	s per serving	
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Worksheet 4-2

Identifying Influences on Your Food Choices

Read all four areas below. Under each area write down the names of people (yourself or others) who influence your food choices in the way described.

Expectations for certain foods

1. Who expects certain foods during certain times or occasions? _____

2. What kinds of foods do you or others expect?

Examples:

- spouse or others expect bacon and eggs on weekends
- spouse or others expect desserts at end of meals
- you or others expect cookies, cakes or pies during holidays

Pressure to eat high-fat foods

1. Who pressures you to eat? _____

2. What kinds of foods are you pressured to eat?_____

Examples:

- people who make something special for you
- people who expect you to join them in eating certain foods
- pressure you place on yourself when eating with others

Worksheet 4-2 (continued)

Availability of foods

- 1. Who makes high-fat foods more available for you?
- 2. What kinds of foods do you or others make available?

Examples:

• co-workers who bring cakes and cookies to work to share

- family and friends who offer you ice cream or eat it in front of you
- you buy your favorite cookies for a party

Using foods for reward or comfort

- 1. Who influences the foods you eat for celebrations?
- 2. What kinds of foods do you eat when you are feeling depressed or stressed?

Examples:

- family and friends who celebrate by eating desserts, candy or holiday foods
- family and friends who bring you candy for your birthday
- you eating chocolate when you are feeling down

Worksheet 4-3

Ideas You Can Use When You Eat With Others

Check off anything you could do to reduce the amount of influence from yourself or others over your eating patterns.

Make the foods lower in fat by using hidden substitutions

- □ Modify favorite family recipes by using hidden substitutions
- Select lower-fat substitutes (i.e., lean meats, low-fat dairy, light mayo)

Reduce fat by blending low-fat ingredients into higher-fat foods (thin dressings with yogurt, mix 1% milk with 2% milk and serve in 2% container)

Others _____

Eat low-fat foods even if your family and friends eat high-fat foods

- Choose to limit the number of high-fat foods you eat
- □ Have low-fat foods easily available
- □ Choose a smaller serving of high-fat foods
- □ Pull out your serving before adding fat for the rest of the family
- Make same main dish but use two different cooking methods (broil, bake or microwave instead of frying)
- Pick low-fat foods
- □ Avoid tempting foods
- □ Make two separate dinner entrees
- □ Others _

Use low-fat eating behaviors

- □ Eat a little before you go, so you're not hungry
- □ Share high-fat food with friend
- Leave food on plate
- Don't skip meals
- Budget or spread out the number of high-fat meals you eat

Worksheet 4-3 (continued)

Ideas You Can Use When You Eat With Others

□ Eat only the high-fat foods that are special (important) to you

- □ Refuse high-fat foods (Learn how to say "no thank you")
- Others_____

Ask your family or friends for help and support

- □ Find a "buddy" at a party
- □ Ask family member to remind you in a nice way
- Ask family or friends to help you by eating low-fat foods for a short time
- Others ____

Make low-fat eating the way you expect to eat

- Bring a low-fat food to the gathering
- Prepare only low-fat foods and expect your family to eat them
- □ Have only low-fat foods available
- Others

Bargain with your family and friends for low-fat food choices

- Get family or friends to agree to try a low-fat food
- Get family or friends to agree to use a low-fat food instead of the highfat food they usually eat
- Bargain on how often to buy or use high-fat foods
- □ Offer to bring low-fat foods
- Others

Name:_____

Worksheet 4-4

Home Activity Worksheet

Areas to work on next week:

 Use Worksheet 4-5 (pgs. 17-19) to inventory the food you have. Identify a food to buy.

Evaluation:

- 1. What new food did I try? _____
- 2. What was my reaction (and others, if appropriate) to the new food?
- During the week, identify some of the ways your food choices are influenced.

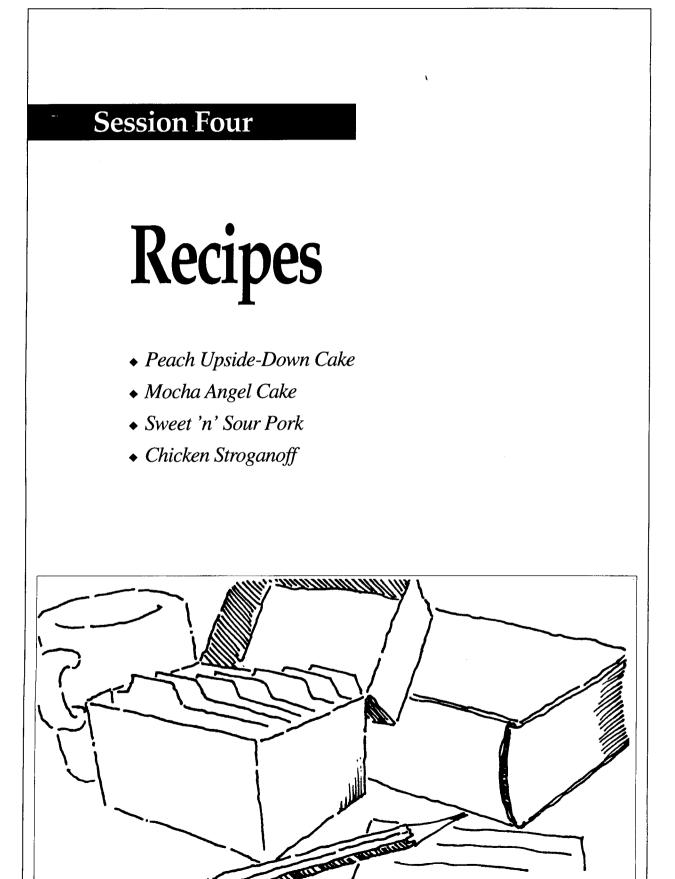
Evaluation:

- 1. Type of influence(s):
 - □ Expected certain foods
 - □ Pressure to eat high-fat foods
 - □ Food availability
 - □ Food used for comfort or reward
- 2. How did I handle the situation? _____
- 3. Would I do anything differently next time?

Worksheet 4-5 Lower-Fat Substitutes HIGHER-FAT FOODS **LOWER-FAT FOODS DAIRY PRODUCTS** Evaporated skim or 2% milk □ Whole evaporated milk □ Low-fat milk (1% or 2%) or skim Whole milk milk □ Sherbet, frozen yogurt, ice milk □ Ice cream Dream Whip (made with skim Whipping cream milk), low-fat vanilla yogurt Plain low-fat yogurt Sour cream Neufchatel or Philadelphia □ Cream cheese "Light" cream cheese or Weight Watchers or fat-free cream cheese Reduced-calorie Laughing Cow Cheese (cheddar, Swiss, jack) cheese, low-calorie processed cheeses. etc. □ Fat-free cheese Skim American cheese (Lite) American cheese Line[®], etc.) or fat-free cheeses Regular (4%) cottage cheese □ Low-fat cottage cheese (1% or 2% fat) Dert-skim, low moisture Whole milk mozzarella mozzarella cheese Part-skim milk ricotta cheese □ Whole milk ricotta cheese □ Low-fat milk (1% or 2%) or □ Coffee cream (1/2 & 1/2), non-dairy creamer (liquid, powder) nonfat dry milk powder

HIGHER-FAT FOODS	LOWER-FAT FOODS				
CEREALS, GRAINS AND PASTA					
Ramen Noodles	Rice, noodles (spaghetti,				
🗅 Granola	 macaroni, etc.) Grape nuts, Rice Krispies, Wheat Chex, etc. 				
	Grits, oatmeal				
MEATS, FISH A	AND POULTRY				
Cold cuts, lunch meats (bologna, salami, liverwurst, etc.)	Low-fat (95-97% fat free lunch meat, turkey lunch meats, low- fat pressed meats				
Hot dogs (regular or all-beef)	Hot dogs (turkey or chicken)				
Bacon or sausage	Canadian bacon or lean ham				
Regular ground beef	Extra lean ground beef or ground turkey				
Chicken or turkey with skin, duck or goose	 Chicken or turkey without skin (light meat) 				
Oil-packed tuna	Water-packed tuna				
Beef (chuck, T-bone, brisket)	Beef (round, loin, rib) trimmed				
 Pork (spareribs, untrimmed loin, canned hams) 	Pork tenderloin, trimmed lean smoked ham				
Frozen breaded fish, fried fish (homemade or commercial)	Fish or shellfish, unbreaded (fresh, frozen or canned)				
Whole eggs	Egg whites or egg substitutes				
Frozen TV dinners (containing more					
than 13 grams of fat per serving)	than 13 grams of fat per serving)				
Chorizo sausage					
BAKED GOODS					
Croissants, brioches, etc.	Hard french, soft Brown n' Serve rolls				
Donuts, sweet rolls, pastries	English muffins, bagels, and low- fat bran or fruit muffins				
Party crackers (Hi Ho's, Ritz, Wheat Thins, Triscuits, etc.)	t 🗅 Low-fat crackers (Ak-mak, Ry Krisp, Wasa Brod, Zweiback, etc.)				
Waverly Wafers	Saltine or soda crackers				
 Cake (pound, chocolate, yellow) 	 Cake (angel food, white and gingerbread) 				

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HIGH	IER-FAT FOODS		LOWER-FAT FOODS		
	Cookies (chocolate chip, sandwich cream, shortbread, oatmeal, Oreos, etc.)		Cookies (vanilla wafers, fig bars, ginger snaps, arrowroot cookies, animal crackers and graham crackers)		
	Pies		Low-fat fruit cobbler		
SNACKS AND SWEETS					
	Nuts		Popcorn (air-popped), fruits, and vegetables		
	Potato or corn chips, or commercial tortilla chips		Pretzels or "homemade" low-fat tortilla chips		
	Chocolate candy, caramels, candy bars		Hard candy, gumdrops, jelly beans, licorice, lifesavers		
	Ice cream cones or bars		Popsicles, fudgsicles, frozen yogurt		
	Cookies (see Baked Goods)		Cookies (see Baked Goods)		
	Custards, puddings (made with whole milk)		Puddings (made with skim milk)		
FATS, OILS AND SALAD DRESSINGS					
	Regular margarine or butter		Light spread margarines, diet margarine, or whipped butter		
	Regular mayonnaise		Light or diet mayonnaise		
	Miracle Whip		Light Miracle Whip		
	Regular salad dressings		Reduced calorie salad dress ings, lemon juice, or plain vinegar		
	Butter or margarine on toast or bread		Jelly, jam or honey on bread or toast		
	Oils, shortening, or lard		Pam or nonstick spray		
MISCELLANEOUS					
	Canned cream soups		Canned broth based soups		
	Canned beans & franks		Canned baked beans in tomato sauce		
	Gravy (homemade with fat and/or milk)		Gravy mixes made with water or homemade w/the fat skimmed off		
	Fudge sauce		Hershey's chocolate syrup		
	Avocado on sandwiches		Cucumber slices or lettuce leaves		



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Peach Upside-Down Cake

1/2 package white cake mix1 can (16 ounces) peaches (light syrup, drained)1/2 cup water

Drain juice from peaches. Spray a 1-1/2 quart ovenproof dish or an 8-inch square pan. Spread peaches over bottom of dish. Cover peaches with cake mix and break up clumps to evenly distribute. Gradually pour water over cake mix and gently stir with fork until cake mix is moist. Bake at 350°F for 30 minutes. Makes 6 servings Fat: 3 grams per serving Fruit/Vegetable servings: 1/2 per serving Grain Servings: 1 per serving Recipe from Holly Henry

Mocha Angel Cake

1 package white angel food cake mix 1 tablespoon cocoa powder, unsweetened 1-1/3 cups cold coffee Mocha frosting (below)

Mocha Frosting: 1 envelope Dream Whip mix, prepared with skim milk 2 tablespoons powdered sugar 2 teaspoons cocoa powder, unsweetened

Prepare cake mix as directed on package except—stir cocoa into dry cake mix and substitute cold coffee for the water. Bake and cool as directed. Remove from pan and frost or serve with Mocha Frosting.

Frosting: Prepare the topping mix as directed on the package—except use skim milk and add powdered sugar and cocoa during the last minute of beating. Makes 12 servings

Fat: 1 gram per serving

Grain Servings: 1/2 per serving

Recipe from Betty Crocker Angel Food Cake Ideas

Sweet 'n' Sour Pork

1/2 cup pineapple juice, unsweetened
2 teaspoons vinegar
1 teaspoon sherry
1/2 teaspoon soy sauce
dash of sesame hot oil
dash of freshly ground ginger
dash of ground allspice
1 teaspoon cornstarch, dissolved in 2 tablespoons of water
2 tablespoons onion and leek (or scallions), minced
1/4 cup green pepper, sliced
1/4 cup onion, sliced
12 ounces loin pork, 1/4-inch thick strips (julienne)
2 teaspoons fresh parsley, chopped
freshly ground black pepper

In a small saucepan, combine the first 7 ingredients. Heat mixture until hot. Stir in dissolved cornstarch. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until sauce comes just to a boil and begins to thicken. Keep warm.

Spray nonstick skillet with vegetable spray and cook pork until no longer pink. Set aside. Sprinkle onion-leek combination, sliced green pepper and onion over bottom of skillet. Place cooked pork over vegetables and sprinkle with parsley and freshly ground black pepper. Cook about 4 to 5 minutes, add sauce and serve. Makes 4 servings

Fat: 4 gram per serving (if tenderloin used)

Fat: 12 grams (if loin roast used)

Fruit/Vegetable Servings: 1/2 per serving

Recipe from American Heart Association Cookbook

Chicken Stroganoff

2 whole chicken breasts, split, boned, and skinned 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder 1/4 teaspoon white pepper 1/2 cup Campbell's Special Request® Cream of Mushroom Soup 1 cup plain low-fat yogurt 1 can (6 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained 2 tablespoons sherry 1/4 cup parmesan cheese non-stick cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray an 8 x 11-inch casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Place chicken breasts in casserole. Do not overlap. Sprinkle with garlic and pepper. Combine soup, sherry, yogurt, and mushrooms and pour over chicken. Sprinkle cheese over all. Bake for 50 minutes or MICRO-WAVE, covered on high power for 18 minutes or until chicken is tender. Serve with your favorite cooked noodles.

Makes 4 servings

Fat: 7 grams per serving

Fruit/Vegetable Servings: 1/2 per serving

Recipe from <u>The All-American Low-Fat Meals in</u> <u>Minutes</u>