

Grapes

Grapes come in many colors; black, blue, blue-black, golden, red, green, and purple. When buying grapes look for firm, plump, well colored clusters that are securely attached to their green stems.

Grapes are fruit which grow in clusters on vines.

Grapes are one of the oldest fruits to be grown. Grapes can be traced back as far as biblical times. Spanish explorers introduced grapes to America about 300 years ago. Most grapes eaten in the United States are grown in California.

Grapes are about 80% water, making them a delicious low-calorie snack or dessert.

Raisins are dried grapes and contain only about 15% water. For this reason nutrients and calories are more concentrated in raisins.

VARIETIES

Grapes come in more than 50 varieties. The two main types are American and European, which are available as seeded or seedless. Common varieties include Thompson, Flame, Ruby, Perlette and Tokay.

Many grapes are grown in Nebraska.



NUTRITION FACTS

- Good source of fiber
- Sodium free
- Fat free
- Cholesterol free
- High in vitamin C
- High in potassium

USES

Some of the most popular ways in which grapes are used are eaten fresh, dried into raisins, or made into jam, jelly or 100% juice.



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