# ALL ABOUT BEETS





## **HEALTH BENEFITS OF BEETS**

Beets are packed with vitamins and nutrients like vitamin C, fiber, and iron. They're great for your heart.



Q. How do farmers party? A. They turn up the beets.

### WHAT IS A BEET?

A beet is a round, root vegetable that grows underground. Beets are usually deep red-purple, but they can also be yellow, white, or even striped!

#### WHERE DO BEETS GROW?

Beets grow from tiny seeds planted in the soil. The beet root grows underground, and the leafy tops grow above the soil. The leaves of the beet plant are also edible and

healthy!

Nutrition Facts	
Portion Size	136 g
Amount Per Portion	58
Calories	50
9/	6 Daily Value *
Total Fat 0.2g	0 %
Sodium 106mg	5 %
Total Carbohydrate 13g	5 %
Dietary Fiber 3.8g	14 %
Sugar 9.2g	
Protein 2.2g	4 %
Vitamin D 0mcg	0 %
Calcium 22mg	2 %
Iron 1.1mg	6 %
Potassium 442mg	9 %

\*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a serving of food contribute to a daily diet. 2000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice.









#### **BEETS IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

In South Dakota, beets, particularly sugar beets, are an important crop in the Belle Fourche area. The state also sees minor production of table beets.

#### **FUN FACTS**

- Beets have been grown for food for thousands of years. They originally came from the Mediterranean region.
- Ancient civilizations, like the Egyptians and Greeks, used beets for medicine and food.
- Beets can make your pee turn pink after you eat them! It's totally normal.
- Beets were used to make the first sugar before sugar cane became popular.
- The leaves of the beet plant, called beet greens, are also very healthy and can be eaten like spinach.
- Beets can help improve your energy and make you run faster! Athletes sometimes drink beet juice before a race.
- They're full of antioxidants, which help your body stay healthy and fight off sickness.
- Q. WHY COULDN'T THE BEETROOT MAKE IT TO THE PARTY?
  A: HE WAS GROUNDED.

#### **POPULAR TYPES OF BEETS**

- Beets can be boiled, roasted, pickled, or eaten raw.
- People make delicious dishes like beet salad, borscht (a beet soup), or even beet juice.
- You can also use beet juice as a natural dye to color food or clothes!



