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Sometimes the party happened at her house, in the cramped dining room, between the towering stacks of National Geographic and The New York Times. Laughter spilled out of the corners as the family gathered in the adjacent living room around the stone fireplace. Savory smells coming from the kitchen danced between conversations. A pot of red potatoes with the skins on would be bubbling on the stove, and the salad bowl waited, filled with a colorful mix of organic veggies. Other times the gathering would be at a restaurant, a bunch of tables pushed together, filled with family. Her schedule was so packed that cooking birthday dinner, as she loved to do, was sometimes a luxury, but she always made time to celebrate.

If you were one of the fortunate ones who called Margaret Isely mother, mother-inlaw, grandmother, employer or friend, you knew how special it was to be you. She knew exactly how to make you feel like the world got lucky the day you were born!

August is her birth month, and the world did, indeed, get lucky the day she was born. We're celebrating our 65th anniversary as a company this year and throwing a birthday party for the woman whose greatest passion was the health of people and the planet. It burns brightly in the next generations of her children and grandchildren and guides everything we do at Natural Grocers®. She taught us that good health is a fundamental human right. It's why we make the highest quality products available at Always Affordablesm Prices, and the reason that Nutrition Education is one of our Founding Principles. We seek to empower our neighbors to claim your right to a healthier life and to honor the inseparable bond between the health of humans and that of the planet.

Most importantly, Margaret instilled in us her core belief that we cannot truly have a healthy society when hate, bigotry, and intolerance are accepted—we must be antiracist, and actively fight bigotry and intolerance. The events of this year have shone a light into the too-long shadows of racism and inequity that plague our nation, and we stand within its beam, humbly, with grief and a pledge to fight for racial, gender and sexual-identity justice. We wish to take on the mantle of Margaret's fearlessness and follow her footsteps into uncharted territory with the fierce determination to take a stand, and also a step. One, and then another, and another toward eradicating the injustices that stand between us and a healthy society. We know she's out there somewhere with that bright, red-lipsticked smile, saying, "Get moving already!"

Happy Birthday Margaret! Thank you for being you.

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FROM THE FAMILY BRAND YOU TRUST

FOR THE LOVE OF ORGANICS: PEACHES, PLUMS & NECTARINI

By Charity Isely

They're the juiciest accessory of the summer—a must-have for every lover of good health and great flavor! Peaches, plums, nectarines... oh the deliciousness you can entertain with a summer afternoon and a bowl of sweet stone fruit.

PAMPER YOUR HEALTHIEST SELF

Grill them, add them to a salad, and eat them whole straight out of the bowl. Take a bite out of these reasons why you should:

- Cellular protection: The phenolic compounds found in stone fruits protect our cells from the damages of oxidative stress that we encounter daily through environmental and dietary exposure; they reduce inflammation too!¹²
- · Squash metabolic syndrome: One study found that the variety of phenolic compounds found in peaches, plums, and nectarines work synergistically to combat the inflammation, obesity, and blood sugar dysregulation that come with metabolic syndrome.³
- · Promote positive moods: Curiosity, creativity, motivation and overall mental wellbeing increased significantly during a study on young adults who ate more fruits and veggies for just two weeks! Though stone fruits weren't the focus of the study, the researchers concluded that eating a variety of fruit and vegetables contribute to overall mental happiness.4

ENTERTAIN WITH ORGANIC

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Sweet, tangy, melt-in-your-mouth flavor, these luscious summery treats have all that, and they are even better when you choose organic because organically grown peaches, plums, and nectarines have more of the antioxidants that make them extra good for you. A study comparing thirteen Japanese plum cultivars grown in conventional and organic systems found that organic production resulted in "significantly higher" amounts of anthocyanins and polyphenols as well as greater antioxidant capacity. Synthetic herbicides have varying effects that reduce the production of these beneficial phytochemicals.⁵ It's not surprising, then, that the conclusion of this study is consistent with other research showing that in general, organic produce contains higher concentrations of health-supporting antioxidants.6

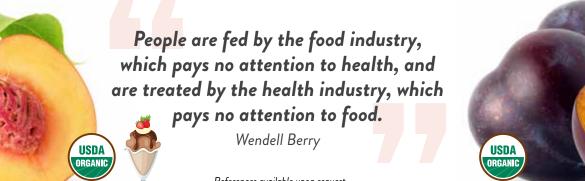
NOT WITH THE "DIRTY DOZEN"

Unfortunately, there are some not-so-sweet facts about summer's juiciest fruits. Nectarines and peaches have made the Environmental Working Group's Dirty Dozen list of produce with the most pesticide residue for the last five years, and 2020 is no different. ⁷⁸⁹¹⁰¹¹ This year they are number four and number seven, respectively.¹² Although plums didn't make the Dirty Dozen, the database whatsonmyfood.org, which tracks pesticide residue based on USDA reports, shows an unappetizing trend for conventional imported plums. Just over ninety-three percent of samples tested had traces of the fungicide Iprodione, a known carcinogen and suspected hormone disruptor. Even worse, the maximum amount found was above the chronic toxicity threshold for children.¹³

FOR THE LOVE OF YOUR HEALTH AND THE PLANET

As we savor the carefree, summertime flavors of stone fruit, let's also keep in mind the inter-connectedness between human health, the health of the planet, and social justice. We can't ignore the effects of industrialized agriculture, which is wreaking havoc on the environment while, at the same time, chronic diseases are on the rise. As reported by the Rodale Institute in their recently released paper, The Power of the Plate, "agriculture and factory farming are top contributors to global emissions and ambient air pollution." According to the World Health Organization, ambient air pollution is a significant contributor to respiratory-related deaths, from lung cancer to respiratory infection, with communities of color bearing the heaviest burden. Environmental justice is intertwined with social justice, so as you indulge in summer's sweet bounty, choose food that has been grown in a way that protects the environment and everyone's health.

References available upon request.





½ teaspoon Real Salt

½ teaspoon Organic Ground Black Pepper

½ teaspoon Organic Chipotle Pepper

½ teaspoon Organic Garlic Granules

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8 organic corn tortillas

FOR THE SALSA: 3 medium organic peaches, rinsed and diced (about 2 cups); or sub 2 cups defrosted organic frozen peaches, diced (or substitute organic stone fruit of your choice)

½ cup diced organic red onion

1 large organic jalapeño, stem and seeds removed, minced

½ teaspoon Natural Grocers Brand Bulk Real Salt

Juice of one organic lime

1 teaspoon Natural Grocers Brand Organic Apple Cider Vinegar

2 tablespoons chopped organic cilantro

Pinch (or more) of Natural Grocers Brand Bulk Organic Cayenne Pepper

TOPPINGS

1 organic avocado, sliced

1 cup organic cilantro leaves

1 organic lime, quartered

¼ head organic cabbage, thinly sliced

1 small organic red pepper, stem and seeds removed, diced

GRILLED FISH TACOS WITH PEACH SALSA

This quick dish is the perfect celebration of summer with its abundance of good4usm fruits and veggies! The peach salsa is a delicious twist on traditional pico de gallo and pairs perfectly with the grilled fish. Serve family style and let everyone make their own for a fun summer meal.

INSTRUCTIONS

TOTAL TIME: 35 MINUTES | MAKES: 8 TACOS

- 1. Preheat grill to medium.
- 2. Mix the seasonings for the fish in a small bowl. Pat the fish dry and sprinkle the spice mixture over all sides of the fish, using your hands to press the spices onto the fish.
- 3. Combine the salsa ingredients in a bowl and stir to combine. Taste and adjust salt and cayenne as desired.
- 4. Prep the topping ingredients and arrange on a large platter.
- 5. Scrub the grill grates and lightly grease with the coconut oil on a folded paper towel held with tongs. Place the fish on the grill grates, cover, and cook for 3-4 minutes, or until the fish easily releases from the grates and is nearly cooked through. Carefully flip the fish, taking care to place it on the grill so large pieces don't fall through the grates.

Cover and cook 1-2 more minutes, or until the fish is just cooked through. (Because the thickness of your fillets may vary considerably, use these times as suggestions and instead pay attention while cooking to remove the fish when it is just cooked through to avoid overcooking. Fish is cooked through when it is no longer opaque in the middle and flakes when a fork is inserted into the center and twisted.) Transfer the fish to a serving dish. Tent the fish loosely with foil and allow it to rest.

- 6. Grill the tortillas, about 30 seconds per side until warm and pliable; transfer to the platter with the toppings, or a small plate.
- 7. Use two forks to gently break the fish into pieces. Serve family style, allowing each person to load their own tacos.

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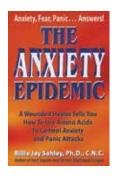
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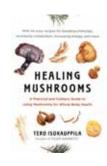
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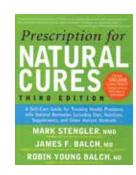
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By Charity Isely



Thirty-five times smaller than a grain of sand, you can't see the microscopic particles that penetrate deep into your lungs and can enter your bloodstream, with potentially lethal outcomes.1 Where do you encounter them? On the street. At the park. In your backyard. Wherever you breathe, and they congregate. Officially known as PM_{2.5}, it is the fine particulate matter that makes air pollution deadly.² The negative health impacts of exposure-including respiratory infections, lung cancer, stroke, and cardiopulmonary disease-result in an estimated 100,000 fatalities annually in the U.S., according to a recent study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). The human health cost in dollars equals around \$886 billion per year!3

We know that transportation and coal-fired power plants are major sources of air pollution and fine particulate matter, but what may be surprising to some is that conventional industrialized agriculture is also a significant contributor. In fact, the PNAS study found that it is responsible for 12 percent of air pollution-related deaths annually and is also the single largest contributor to health and economic damages from ground level emissions from the release of ammonia (a secondary form of fine particulate matter), emitted from the application and storage of manure on factory farms and synthetic fertilizer use. Within this category, conventional corn production is a major contributor, generating around one-quarter of emissions.4

The PNAS study concludes that "PM2.5 is the largest environmental risk factor in the United States, causing >100,000 premature deaths per year—more than traffic accidents and homicides combined."5 Additionally, the American Lung Association's 2019 annual State of the Air report warns that 4 in 10 of us are living with the risks of unhealthy

air quality and those numbers show an increase of 7.2 million Americans from the year before.67

There are widespread ramifications across the country, but the burden of the health and economic consequences disproportionately affects regions with high population densities, and African American, Latino, and low-income communities. 8910

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Take responsibility for consumption wherever possible. Be energy conscious at home, with your transportation choices, and your purchases. If you consume dairy, eggs, and meat, choose organic and/or pasture based whenever you can-the vicious cycle of conventional livestock production contributes significant amounts of toxins to the environment. 1112 Supporting organic and regenerative agriculture reduces the negative environmental impacts of food production.¹³ Finally, pay attention to local and national policy makers and support initiatives that reduce emissions and address climate change in real ways.

WHAT WE'RE DOING

Natural Grocers has joined a group of more than 330 companies calling on Congress to prioritize a climate-friendly path forward in the economic recovery strategy from the COVID-19 crisis. Innovations that reduce emissions could create millions of jobs, contribute billions to economic growth, and improve the quality of life for all Americans. 14 At Natural Grocers, our dedication to supporting the wellbeing of our environment, our neighbors, and our economy is how we do business, from our stringent standards to our everyday practices. We believe that good health-and clean air-are fundamental human rights.

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NUTRITION BYTES

By Geoff Brokx and Aryn Doll

OPTIMIZE IMMUNE FUNCTION WITH NUTRITION*

Public health recommendations largely focus on hand washing, social distancing, and vaccinations to reduce the spread and risk of viral infections, but conversations on protecting public health often lack information on the importance of nutrients to support optimal immune function and to reduce the spread and risk of viral infections. A review published in April, 2020 in the journal Nutrients shows how important certain vitamins, minerals, and fatty acids are for protecting the public against viral infections and encourages public health officials to include nutritional strategies in their recommendations to improve public health.

The review highlights the role multivitamins, vitamins C and D, zinc, and the omega-3 fats EPA and

DHA play in our immune system, and recommends supplementing with them to improve public health. Research has long shown that certain nutrients are

ARE IMPORTANT FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC AGAINST VIRAL INFECTIONS

vital to healthy immune function. For example, vitamin C is necessary for the proper growth and function of a variety of immune cells, while EPA and DHA reduce inflammation and lung injury

in respiratory infections. Vitamin D is necessary for immune cell function and increases the killing capacity of macrophages, and zinc is required for the formation and function of immune cells in both the innate and adaptive immune systems. Furthermore, deficiencies in nutrients such as selenium and vitamin E have been shown in studies to increase the virulence and infectiousness of certain viruses.

Nutritional inadequacies and deficiencies are widespread in the US, leading to suboptimal health and increased susceptibility to infection. Dietary supplements offer a safe, effective, and affordable option that should be added to current public health recommendations to optimize immune function for the general population.

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urinary excretion of benzene and acrolein were examined. Compared to placebo, drinking the broccoli sprout beverage resulted in a 60 percent higher urinary excretion of benzene at day one, which persisted throughout the 12 weeks. Similar results were also

> observed for acrolein, with excretion levels increasing by 22 percent. The researchers concluded that consuming broccoli sprouts may provide a frugal means to reduce the long-term health risks of chronic exposure to air pollution.

Other research investigating the consumption of broccoli sprouts and air pollution supports these findings. Overall, the detoxification properties

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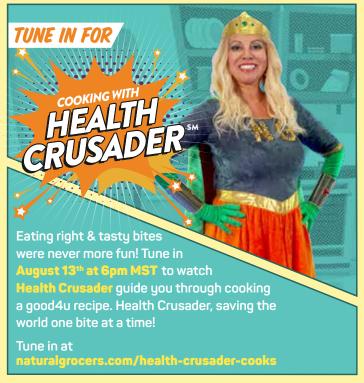
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By Lindsay Wilson

The last five months have been... HARD.

For most of us, living through a pandemic is a first, and as with all "firsts," we're trying to figure out how to navigate this new world, and it's been a challenge. But what if we shifted our perspective to one of gratitude, and looked to the pandemic as a teacher? It's taught us how to be helpful neighbors. It's taught us the importance of community. It's taught us how important it is to take care of our mental health. And it has taught us that it's time to improve our individual and collective health. We have seen major inequalities in who is affected by the virus—vulnerable elders, low-income communities, and people of color are taking the brunt. And we have watched life as we know it come to a grinding halt. How would things be different if we were healthier as a whole? Having a healthy society means that we have the collective resilience to better weather the storm, whatever that storm may look like.

The numbers are telling: The majority of those who have had the most severe illness or who have died from Covid-19 have had at least one underlying health condition, such as obesity, type-2 diabetes, lung disease, hypertension, and/or cardiovascular disease. These are all incredibly common conditions—pandemics in their own right—that have been accepted as the norm in our society. We all know someone (or multiple someones) that has one, or several, of these chronic health issues. Seems pretty normal, right? But it's not normal, and these health conditions pack a one-two punch they each come with their own standalone risks, and when you introduce a virus, they make it that much harder for the body to fight it off, increasing the risk of severe illness and even death.

If nothing else, the pandemic has taught us just how important the health of the host is.



Be rooted in health: Improve overall health & immune competence

Society hasn't always been burdened with chronic health problems, so how did it become our modern-day narrative? First, it's important to remember that optimal amounts of nutrients are absolutely necessary for our bodies and minds to thrive, but collectively, we fall woefully short, and too many suffer from chronic vitamin and mineral insufficiencies, including important ones like zinc, selenium, and vitamin D-the very nutrients that our bodies need to stay healthy and fight infection. Many factors are at play, but an industrialized food system, and the processed food that goes with it, has led to a slew of nutritional deficiencies and insufficiencies. Years of conventional farming practices has stripped the soil of important minerals, making the food grown in it nutritionally anemic. Additionally, a near ubiquitous exposure to toxins and pollution causes our bodies to quickly burn through critical nutrients. But it doesn't have to be this way. As we work to build a more resilient food system and less toxic world, we can also work to build our own resilience—and become rooted in health.

It starts with food, organic is best!

The food you eat can make or break your health. You likely already know what you shouldn't eat (highly processed foods, fast foods, sugary foods and drinks, refined carbs) but what should you eat? What does a healthy diet look like? It starts with fresh produce. When you hear experts say "eat the rainbow," this is what they are referring to. Colorful fruit and veggies are full of phytonutrients that promote good health. Those flavanols, polyphenols, and anthocyanins you always hear about? They're found in fresh produce, especially in organic produce, which contains higher levels of these health-promoting phytonutrients compared to conventionally grown. Aim to eat as many types of vegetables as you can every day, but make it work for you—do you love smoothies? Pack them with vegetables. Maybe big salads loaded with colorful veggie toppings are your jam, or you love the caramelized flavor of roasted vegetables. Eat those things,

loved by trying new veggie-centric recipes (naturalgrocers.com/recipe-finder is a great place to start).

To round out your meals, include quality protein and healthy fats. Examples of healthy fats include olive oil, pasturebased butter, coconut oil, avocadoes, olives, and nuts. When it comes to animal protein, look for humanely and sustainably raised products to optimize nutrition. A diet abundant in produce, along with healthy sources of protein and fats, will support healthy blood sugar balance (key to maintaining overall health) and a healthy weight while also supplying ample amounts of diseasefighting nutrients. Additionally, when you invest in buying foods grown in a sustainable way, they are not only better for you, they also support the process of building a more resilient food system.

Fortify with supplements

As you begin (or continue) your journey to healthy eating, there are several key supplements to include in your routine that will further root you in health. A multivitamin will fill in the gaps where your diet falls short. Even if you generally eat a healthy diet loaded with organic vegetables, it's hard to get optimal amounts of certain vitamins and minerals through food alone. Decades of chemical-intensive conventional agricultural practices and pervasive air pollution have severely depleted our soils, stripping them of beneficial vitamins and minerals, leaving little for vegetables to take up as they grow, while at the same time increasing the body's need for nutrients. Multiple studies have found declines in a number of important nutrients in vegetables and fruit, including calcium, magnesium, iron, riboflavin (vitamin B2), and vitamins A and C. Look for a multivitamin that provides zinc, selenium, and vitamin A

Magnesium is one of the most important nutrients in our bodies, and is especially important when we experience stress. When magnesium levels are low, stress takes over and we cannot relax, our brains play a repetitive refrain of anxious thoughts, and our muscles tighten and may even spasm. The heart, brain, bones, respiratory system, nervous system, joints, and immune system are also prone to dysfunction. But when there is sufficient magnesium, our cells function properly, and when our cells are healthy, we are healthy. Playing a foundational role in more than 600 biochemical processes, magnesium supports healthy blood pressure, strong bones, healthy blood sugar and insulin levels, muscle tone and relaxation, neurotransmitter production, mood, memory and cognition, and energy production. Because of

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drains (stress, chronic disease, prescription drugs, refined and processed foods, and alcohol), nearly everyone has suboptimal levels; in other words, just enough to prevent an outright deficiency, but not enough to promote optimal health.\(^{ii}\) You will need to supplement with extra magnesium, as multis do not supply sufficient amounts of this important mineral.

The sun vitamin, vitamin D, ranks up there with magnesium as one of the most important nutrients to human health. It affects just about everything, from the bones and the brain to the cardiovascular and immune systems. In fact, we are seeing just how critical optimal levels of vitamin D are in enabling the immune system to mount a robust defense against Covid-19. viii ix * Optimal blood levels of vitamin D can also decrease the risk of osteoporosis, diabetes, hypertension, several types of cancer, and autoimmune diseases.xi But like magnesium, vitamin D deficiencies are widespread—research has found that nearly 42 percent of U.S. adults are deficient, with the highest rates found in African Americans, at 82 percent, and Latinos, at 69 percent. Optimal levels of vitamin D are considered to be between 30 and 50 ng/ mL. The amount of vitamin D you should supplement with varies greatly by the individual; it is recommended that you have your levels tested to find out if you have a sufficient level. It usually takes between 2,000 to 5,000 IUs daily to optimize your levels.

A thinking brain needs the omega-3 fats **EPA** and **DHA**. Your brain and eyes require them to function, making vision, attention, memory, learning, focus, concentration, and positive thoughts possible. They also keep the cardiovascular system in tip-top shape by supporting flexible arteries, healthy blood flow and blood pressure, and healthy cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Because our diets have shifted so dramatically, leading to a virtual non-existence of EPA and DHA in the foods we eat, our inflammation levels are out of control. In fact, a study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health found that a low intake of the omega-3

fats was one of the main dietary risks for death. These omega-3 fats reduce inflammation and play a significant role in protecting the body from diseases that are either caused by or worsened by inflammation, from arthritis and asthma to cardiovascular disease, cancer, and Alzheimer's. They also have a positive effect on mood and mental health, particularly depression. Additionally, several studies on DHA have found that daily supplementation reduces aggression and anger in general, especially during times of stress.

Thrive with healthy lifestyle habits

Healthy lifestyle habits complete the trifecta for being rooted in health. Regular movement, time spent in nature, practicing gratitude, nurturing your relationships—these are all forms of self-care that will go a long way for both your mental and physical wellbeing. It's also important to assess the products that we use every day in our homes for cleaning and those that we put on our skin. These products can be sources of environmental pollutants that take their toll on health and put an extra burden on our already over-burdened detoxification systems. Make the switch to nontoxic products to reduce your chemical exposure. Buy organic food as much as possible to reduce your exposure to agricultural chemicals, including synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, and when it comes to meat, choose grass fed and/or organic whenever possible. An added bonus when you buy organic and grass-fed foods is that you are also supporting a more resilient food system that will benefit everyone in the long run.

Being rooted in health doesn't mean we won't get sick, but it does mean that we will reduce our risk of developing chronic disease over our lifetimes, and our bodies will be more resilient in the face of any illness or infection we encounter, individually and collectively.





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The world we live in is downright stressful. It's stressful just thinking about how stressful things have become. While stress is a part of life, when it runs unchecked and unabated, it can wreak havoc on our lives, interfering with everyday tasks, our relationships, and our jobs. It can also damage the delicate structures of our brains and lead to anxiety and depression. In addition to meditation, yoga, and spending time outside in nature—all the things we know are helpful to reduce stress, but don't always do—specific dietary supplements can help the body and mind remain resilient during times of stress, and are actually necessary to ensure that we don't feel so stressed in the first place. Magnesium, B vitamins, rhodiola, bacopa, and phosphatidylserine (PS) are crucial for nutritionally supporting our bodies and brains when we are stressed.

Stressed? Mag up! **MAGNESIUM** is magnificent for calming frayed nerves, lulling you to sleep, eliminating muscle cramps, and alleviating headaches. Those can all be signs of low magnesium levels, which studies show leads to depression and anxiety-like symptoms, in addition to increased cortisol levels, sleep disturbances, and increased inflammation.ⁱⁱⁱ

It's even more crucial to supplement with magnesium when under chronic and long-term stress and anxiety. Why? Because when stressed, your adrenal glands release the stress hormones adrenaline and cortisol into your bloodstream, which causes an increase in the loss of magnesium through urine, eventually depleting body stores. iii

One form of magnesium, MAGNESIUM THREONATE (MgT), is especially helpful for some of the mood issues experienced when stressed. Researchers discovered that elevating magnesium levels in the brain promoted synapse density and synaptogenesis—the formation of synapses between neurons—in regions critical to cognitive abilities and emotions. Scientists identified MgT as a bioavailable compound that effectively crosses the blood-brain barrier, elevating brain magnesium, and thereby improving brain function and reducing depression and anxiety." MgT has also been demonstrated to enhance learning, memory, and quality of sleep. viii If you're suffering from a brain imbalance, or are just needing a little extra support from the stresses of life (aren't we all?), discovering this life-altering mineral might be the missing link.

Taking a **B-COMPLEX VITAMIN** is a terrific approach to covering your bases for total-body health, including brain health, during times of stress. Studies indicate that B vitamins play an important role in alleviating depression and anxiety. Clinical signs of insufficient intake of B vitamins are mood changes, insomnia, changes in appetite, and sugar cravings.ix One B vitamin, thiamine (B1), is especially important if you suffer from brain fog. Your brain loves energy, as do the rest of your nerves, and good old vitamin B1 is a cofactor in a zillion energetic reactions. Thiamine deficiency results in a decrease in cerebral glucose utilization and results in mitochondrial damage. Electron microscopy shows disintegrating mitochondria, chromatin clumping, and swelling of degenerating neurons. Yikes! Even if the bigger words are mysterious, B1 deficiency is clearly very bad-dying, rotting neurons and a tangled ruin of your precious brain. Thus, it is no wonder that thiamine deficiency symptoms include mood disorders, anxiety, insomnia, restlessness, and night terrors. One study found that taking 50 mg of B1 daily "was associated with reports of being more clearheaded, composed, and energetic."xi xii

Just roll with it with RHODIOLA! This adaptogenic herb has been used to treat anxiety, fatigue, and depression for centuries.xiii While it may be foreign to some, the studies speak for themselves. One examined the effects of taking 400 mg of rhodiola extract per day for four weeks in subjects with life- and work-related stress. After just three days, they found significant improvements in markers of stress, such as fatigue, exhaustion, and anxiety. In another study investigating the effects of stress-related burnout, rhodiola improved many participants' symptoms, including stress and depression.** Rhodiola works with your body to adapt to stress and increases your body's resistance to stress, allowing you to better cope during stressful times.*vi

YOU HAVE THE POWER

to make a positive change in the world by tamping down the stress in your life.

A lesser-known nutrient worth noting is **BACOPA**, a nootropic herb, a type of supplement that's taken for its positive effects on the brain. Supplementation with bacopa has been shown to reduce anxiety and improve mood, increase memory, and is used as a general cognitive enhancer.xvii xviii Bacopa is known to affect the neurotransmitters dopamine, serotonin, acetylcholine, and gammaaminobutyric acid (GABA).xix These neurotransmitters are involved in memory, mood, and anxiety.

P.S., one more thing. PHOSPHATIDYLSERINE (PS), pronounced phos·pha·ti·dyl·se(a)r-,ēn, is a phospholipid (a type of lipid, or fat, that is an integral part of cell membranes) and is a component of the 300 billion cells that form your brain. A 2014 study found that PS normalized stress-related biomarkers—namely cortisol, the "stress hormone"—in chronically stressed individuals.** Another 2014 double-blind study showed that short-term PS supplementation improved daily functioning, mental health, and self-reported general wellbeing in older individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia.xxi In fact, memory issues related to chronic stress, the natural aging process, mental health conditions, and insomnia have all been shown to be improved by supplementation with PS. xxii xxiii xxiv

While stress is inevitable, you can make your body and mind more resilient and reduce the harmful effects of stress with stressrelieving supplements. March on with mighty magnesium, bolster your health with beneficial B vitamins, roll with the punches with rhodiola, find your balance with bacopa, and push through life's stresses with phosphatidylserine.

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INGREDIENTS INSTRUCTIONS

1 pound organic strawberries, stems removed
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Grade A Dark Maple Syrup

1 organic avocado, halved and pit removed
1 teaspoon organic vanilla extract

- 1 pound organic strawberries, stems removed 1. Blend the strawberries and maple syrup in a blender or food processor until fully puréed.

 X cup Natural Grocers Brand Organic

 Add the avocado and blend until smooth, stopping to scrape the sides as necessary.
 - 2. Pour the mixture into an 8 x 8-inch square baking dish or a loaf pan and transfer to the freezer.
 - 3. Freeze until firm, 4-6 hours. Allow the sorbet to sit at room temperature for 10-15 minutes before scooping and serving.



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