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In truth, organic isn't something we honor one month out of the year around here—it's an everyday thing for us and has been throughout our history. We've always carried 100% organic produce, and we've been Certified Organic Food Handlers for over a decade now, which means we ensure the integrity of organic fruits and veggies from farm to table. We curate and prioritize certified organic selections throughout our store, and especially in the products we add to our expanding house-brand. Our storewide standards mirror organic certification requirements. We don't allow artificial colors, flavors, sweeteners, or preservatives in anything we sell. Our bulk is 100% non-GMO, our dairy is 100% pasture based, our eggs are free range or pasture based, and our meat and seafood selections are humanely raised and sustainably sourced—rooted in the strictest standards for animal welfare and sustainability.

So why do the principles of organic matter so much to us? Because organic is rooted in the health and the undeniable connection between the wellbeing of people and this planet. So, sweet September, as your whimsical breezes rustle the leaves and whisper at the windows, let our neighbors know that we want to chat—about food, the future, and how organic is for everyone!

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GRAPES

By Charity Isely

Dusk settles on the vineyard, where crimson grapes hang heavy from neat rows of vines. The soft glow illuminates their brilliant color, dancing off green leaves. It's a place where time seems unimportant, echoing back through the centuries to ancient civilizations where they drank wine instead of water, and grapes were featured prominently in the paintings left behind to tell their stories.

### **OVER TIME**

In our modern world, where time moves too quickly and environmental and lifestyle stressors can wreak havoc on our cells, grapes are a fruit we should consider more valuable than ever. They contain a wealth of phenolic compounds that protect cells from the damages acquired over time, specifically from oxidative stress and inflammation. Check out some of the most potent classes of phytonutrients found in grapes:

**STILBENES:** In lab studies, these compounds have demonstrated an ability to downregulate pro-inflammatory gene expression and protect cells from free-radical induced DNA damage." Resveratrol is the best known among them and is found in the highest concentrations in grape skin, versus grape flesh. It has also been associated with increased expression of three genes that are related to longevity."

**ANTHOCYANINS:** Primarily found in red and Concord grapes, these phytochemicals are known for their strong freeradical scavenging abilities. Studies have demonstrated that they can support cardiovascular health, healthy blood sugar balance, and vision.

# A SENSE OF PLACE

A fruit of nuance, grapes are intricately connected to the place they are grown: the climate, the soil, the direction the vineyard faces. So it's not surprising that grape growers worldwide are feeling the impacts of climate change, causing them to consider drastic adaptive measures to survive. As one researcher put it, grapes, because of their sensitivity to their environment, are like "the canary in the coalmine" in demonstrating how a warming planet will change farming. Still, there is a beacon of hope. Organic and regenerative agricultural practices can address climate change in many ways, especially by building resilient soil, which increases the potential for carbon storage. Soil carbon sequestration, which happens when carbon is pulled from the atmosphere by plants and stored in the soil, is possibly the most vital resource organic farming has to offer.

significant it may be, finding that organic soil has 26 percent greater long-term carbon storage potential compared to conventional. \*\* Climate solutions may seem complex and far removed from our individual impact, but we can start by remembering that each food choice is a step toward or away from a more sustainable future.

# A HEALTHIER CHOICE

Grapes are number six on the Environmental Working Group's 2020 Dirty Dozen list of produce with the most pesticide residue.\*i Additionally, when California grapes aren't in season, many are imported, and Chile is the largest supplier.\*ii As late as 2018, the U.S. required that conventional Chilean grapes be treated with methyl bromide before heading to market here.\*iii This fumigant is banned for use in the U.S. due to its ozone-damaging effects, but still allowed on imports/exports.\*iv On the bright side, methyl bromide is never approved for use in organic grapes, and there's more good news: According to a study comparing conventional and organic grapes, higher concentrations of certain anthocyanins have been found in the organic samples! \*v\*\* Choose organic, because it is rooted in practices that nurture health—of humans and the planet.

## A TOAST TO ORGANIC

Enjoying grape benefits via an occasional glass of red wine can be a lovely way to spend an evening, but should you be so inclined, do yourself a favor and make it organic or biodynamic. A heavy dose of synthetic pesticides is allowed on conventional wine grapes, and studies have found that some persisted above recommended safe levels in the finished product. On the other hand, the use of synthetic pesticides that adversely affect the environment or human health are not allowed in the growing of grapes used to make organic or biodynamic wine.."

So may you find a quiet spot in the soft light of dusk, let time become insignificant, and toast to your health, organically!



# CHICKEN WALDORF SALAD

This classic salad is a little creamy, a little crunchy, and bursting with fresh fall fruit. It is simple to put together and can be served as part of a light family dinner or whipped up on the weekend for healthy lunches during the week.

# **INGREDIENTS**

TOTAL TIME: 50 MINUTES | MAKES ABOUT 5 CUPS

1 pound Mary's boneless, skinless chicken thighs 1 small organic apple, cored and diced 1 cup halved organic grapes 2 large organic celery stalks, thinly sliced

> 1/4 - 1/2 cup olive oil- or avocado oil-based mayonnaise

2 teaspoons Natural Grocers Brand Organic Apple Cider Vinegar

½ cup roughly chopped Natural Grocers Brand Bulk Walnuts or Pecans

Natural Grocers Brand Bulk Real Salt and Organic Ground Pepper, to taste

> 1 small head organic lettuce of your choice, washed, dried, and separated into individual leaves (optional)

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Preheat oven to 350° F. Place chicken thighs in a baking dish just large enough to hold them. Season with salt and pepper and bake for 30 minutes, or until chicken is cooked through. Remove from oven and allow to cool for 10 minutes before cutting into ½-inch cubes.
- 2. While the chicken cooks, prepare the apple, grapes, and celery. Combine them in a large bowl with ¼ cup mayonnaise and vinegar and stir until evenly dressed. Let rest in the refrigerator until the chicken is cut into cubes.
- 3. About 5 minutes before the chicken is done, spread the nuts on a baking sheet. Place in oven with the chicken and toast until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a plate to cool.
- 4. Once the chicken is cubed, combine with the rest of the salad and stir until evenly dressed. Add the extra mayonnaise if a creamier dressing is desired. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve immediately on individual lettuce leaves or chill in the fridge for up to 24 hours. Top with nuts right before serving to retain their crunchy texture.







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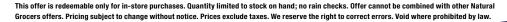
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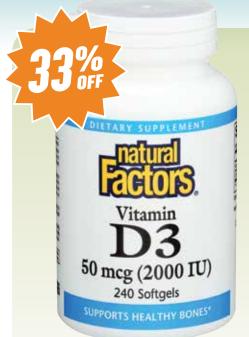
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# ORGANIC FARMING IMPROVES SOIL HEALTH, **BIODIVERSITY & COMMUNITY PROFITABILITY**

Soil health, biodiversity, and a resilient economy are each vital elements for sustaining human life on this planet, and they also benefit significantly from the organic approach to farming. Let's take a trip around the world to explore recent organic research.

First, we'll travel to Indonesia, the third-largest producer of cacao in the world, where researchers conducted a study, published in the journal Soil Biology, comparing soil microbes from organic and conventional cacao plantations. They found that biodiversity and abundance of bacteria and fungi were significantly higher in organic soil, reinforcing a mounting body of evidence showing that organic practices are

beneficial to soil microbial health." A meta-analysis of 56 studies comparing organic and conventional soils, published in the journal PLOS One, adds some impactful perspective: it concluded that the activity and biomass of essential microbial elements were between 32 and 84 percent higher in organic soil."

Microbial diversity is critical for soil fertility, nutrient cycling, and life as we know it. Voil with a robust microbial population results in

healthier crops and is better at retaining water, resisting erosion, and minimizing nutrient runoff.

Next stop, Nicaragua, where researchers compared the quantity and variety of birds between conventional and organic or traditional shadegrown coffee plantations. The study, published in the journal Agricultural Sciences, found that organic and traditional polyculture systems (growing a diverse range of crops) supported the greatest diversity and abundance of bird species. They also determined that the most critical "predictor of bird density" was the complexity of vegetation in organic and traditional polyculture settings that are absent on conventional, monoculture coffee farms. vi vii Diversity of vegetation provides both nesting habitats for birds and also supports a healthy insect population that provides food for birds. This study supports prior research, consistently showing that birds thrive on organic farms in higher quantities compared to conventional. viii ix

Birds are an indispensable part of the food web, and key indicators of ecosystem health. Birds can tell us a lot about habitat quality and health because they are sensitive to the environment's unique features.x Birds also provide valuable services to farmers, especially pest control and pollination.xixii

And, finally, let's travel to Turkey to take a look at organic apple production. A study, published in the journal Acquisition Arboriculture, comparing conventional and organic apple groves in Turkey yielded impressive results. Total energy consumption in organic operations was lower, while their use of renewable energy sources was considerably

> higher: 30 percent versus 13 percent for conventional. Organic producers also emitted significantly fewer greenhouse gases, and the benefitcost ratio was better, meaning that organic apples were more profitable for farmers—all of this with comparable apple yields!xiii xiv A U.S. study on organic hotspots provides further evidence of organic agriculture's economic benefits, including a \$2,000 increase in median household income in counties with higher levels of organic agricultural activity.\*v



Energy, emissions, and the economy all benefit from organic farming! Industrial agriculture has taken a massive toll on the climate and small farmers.\*vi The good news is that organic agriculture offers positive solutions in all these areas.

# WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you're already a supporter of organic farming's benefits, tell your friends, family, and neighbors why. If you're a skeptic, challenge yourself to find an agricultural system that does more for the environment, starting with the soil beneath your feet. And, if you feel like you don't know enough to have an opinion, we have many resources to kick-start your journey of understanding what organic certification means. Just ask. Remember, as the oft-repeated Wendell Berry quote goes: "Eating is an agricultural act."

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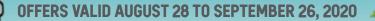


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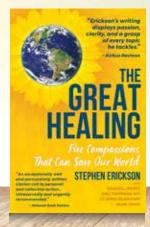
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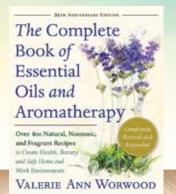
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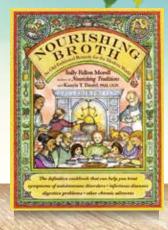
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By Geoff Brokx and Aryn Doll

# OPTIMAL VITAMIN D LEVELS FOR CARDIOMETABOLIC HEALTH

The health benefits of vitamin D are well documented, but many Americans still have insufficient levels of this important nutrient. A new study published in the

journal Nutrients shows that blood levels of vitamin D of at least 30 ng/mL are necessary for optimal cardiometabolic health.

Utilizing recent data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, researchers compared participants' vitamin D levels to several markers of cardiometabolic health, including waist circumference, blood pressure, triglycerides, inflammation, and blood glucose and insulin levels, as well as incidences of metabolic syndrome and type-2 diabetes. The results showed that individuals with vitamin D levels over 30 ng/mL had significantly lower rates of metabolic syndrome and diabetes compared to

and decreased levels of inflammation, triglycerides, and insulin resistance, all markers of good cardiometabolic health. The researchers concluded that vitamin

> D blood levels above 30 ng/ mL are needed in order to have a beneficial impact on cardiometabolic health, including reducing the risk of metabolic syndrome and type-2 diabetes.

Vitamin D levels over 30 ng/mL are in line with the recommendations by the

Endocrine Society to maximize the effects on calcium, bone, and muscle metabolism. According to the Endocrine Society, at least 1,500-2,000 IU of supplemental vitamin D may be required to achieve these levels for most adults.

# VITAMIN D BLOOD LEVELS

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those with lower vitamin D levels, and that the farther below 30 ng/mL the levels fell, the greater the risk of having cardiometabolic disease. Additionally, participants with D levels over 30 ng/ mL had smaller waist circumferences

# AGED GARLIC EXTRACT REDUCES CHRONIC INFLAMMATION IN THOSE WITH OBESITY

A recent study published in Clinical Nutrition ESPEN found that supplementing with aged garlic extract (AGE) reduced obesity-associated chronic inflammation by modulating the immune system and improving immune function. In this double-blind, randomized controlled trial, 51 healthy adults with obesity were instructed to take 3.6g/day AGE (in two divided doses) or placebo for six weeks. Both before and after the sixweek intervention, researchers took blood samples to assess changes in the types of immune cells present, concentrations of inflammatory molecules, and blood lipid levels.

Results of the study revealed that compared to placebo, those supplementing with AGE had an increase in anti-inflammatory immune cells, in addition to a decrease in proinflammatory immune cells circulating in their blood. AGE consumption also greatly reduced the release of several inflammatory cytokines (signaling molecules used by the immune system), as well as LDL cholesterol. Such outcomes led researchers to conclude that by modulating the distribution of certain immune cells and decreasing inflammatory mediators, AGE has an anti-inflammatory effect in those with obesity.

This study has promising implications, as obesity leads to chronic inflammation (adipose cells are metabolically active and promote inflammation), which increases the risk for chronic disease, including cardiovascular disease and diabetes, and contributes to greater susceptibility to illness. By improving immune function, and thus, modulating inflammation, AGE supplementation may lead to fewer complications and comorbidities in those with obesity.

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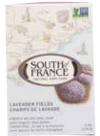
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and happy snacking!



# THE SWEETEST SECRET IS OUT!

Guess what we're craving? Something creamy, sweet, and covered in chocolate! Guess what else? We have just the thing in our bulk section. Are you begging for us to end this delicious suspense already? Gladly! The treat you didn't know you've been missing is Natural Grocers Brand Chocolate Cocomel Bites! They're Certified Organic and Non-GMO, and here's the really big news—NO dairy! That's right; this luscious caramel gets its creaminess from coconut instead. With a dash of sea salt and the perfect amount of dark chocolate surrounding every bite—they're exquisite. They're also a foolproof way to bribe someone into taking out the trash or simply keep them as your little secret. You won't be able to keep them a secret, though. We've tried—it's no use. Happy healthy indulging!



# TWIST YOUR TASTE BUDS WITH THESE GF PRETZELS!

It's the best pretzel crunch this side of gluten—as in the Certified Gluten-Free side! This snack brand started when its founder, Kristy, welcomed her first child-Quinn. It was then she knew she had to clean up snacks, and that's why you can now feed your kids the tastiest, Non-GMO Project Verified collection of pretzel-y things around. Or just eat them yourself, that's fine, too. Once you've tried the Peanut Butter Filled Pretzel Nuggets, you probably won't share with anyone, just saying! The secret to this gluten-free goodness is sorghum, a nutritious whole-grain that's more sustainable, too. Crave your pretzel sticks with a dash of honey? Quinn has it! Are you more of the deli Rye Style? There's a bag of Quinn with your name on it, and we bet it's the best thing you've tasted this side of Monday!



# INTRODUCING YOUR **NEXT PERFECT BITE!**

Know that moment when you try the perfect food for the first time? Your taste buds are shouting "thank you" in languages you don't even speak, and all you can think about is your next bite. It's hard to forget those exquisite foodie "highs," and we're about to introduce you to your next one! Meet Culina—the thickest, creamiest plant-based yogurt you'll ever taste. Yes, it's dairy-free, made from coconut, with a dash of maple syrup and a handful of other simple ingredients, most of them organic. Craft-fermented—every serving comes with a blend of live probiotics a billion strong, plus its sustainably packaged in reusable glass jars. Here's the question—can you choose between the Blueberry Lavender, the Strawberry Rose, or the Bourbon Vanilla?

# REVOLUTIONIZE **YOUR BURGER!**

This one is for all planet-loving meat eaters! Can your next pot of bison chili help reverse climate change? Force of Nature says it can, and the proof is in the soil. This revolutionary brand is on a mission to create a global supply network of land stewards who are revitalizing grasslands and healing the soil while raising the juiciest meat you could hope to eat. Their ground beef and bison come from ranchers following research-based principles of soil health and collecting scientifically validated evidence that their soil is improving year over year. Regenerative agriculture has immense carbon sequestration potential, that can make an earth-saving difference if practiced on a global scale. So, how do we get there? You have a vote in reversing climate change, and it starts with the food you put on your plate. Will your next burger be a regenerative Force of Nature?



# DON'T WORRY ABOUT DINNER ANYMORE!

What's for dinner? If you dread that question, we have exciting news! Primal Kitchen, the trailblazing, paleo-friendly brand, has a deliciously simple answer. With Skillets for two or Bowls for one, if you don't want to share—these Whole30® approved selections are free of soy, gluten, and grains. They're full of veggies, and high-quality proteins, and there are NO artificial additives, preservatives, or other sneaky ingredients that you wouldn't want to serve for dinner. Plus, they have all your cravings covered—from pesto to curry to fajitas! If Primal Kitchen Skillets aren't on the menu tonight, well, we're not coming over. Oh right, we can't, it's 2020. We'll join you for a Zoom dinner party, though, as long as we can all agree on the Chicken Fried Rice Cauliflower and talk TikTok.



# START YOUR MORNING BETTER!

How do you start your morning? Is it delicious, nutritious, and helpful to the neighborhood? If you said yes, you must already be a fan of The Soulfull Project! Make that a contributor, because when these flavor-filled hot cereals are part of your morning routine, you're contributing! To what exactly? It's as simple as it is impactful—every time you purchase a serving of Soulfull Project's cereal, they donate another to a food bank in the region you bought it. That means over 900,000 bags, and counting, of healthy breakfast options have gone out to families dealing with food insecurity. With ingredients like flax and chia seeds, quinoa, and oats—these Non-GMO Project Verified cereals are the opposite of empty-calorie fillers. They come in the convenience of single-serve hot cups with mouthwatering flavors like Brown Sugar Pecan, or family-sized bags like the 4 Grain Blend. Make your morning Soulfull!



# CONNECT TO THE DETAILS THAT MATTER!

Coffee. It's a beverage that connects us—to our morning routine, to our friends, to the stories we hear and read and tell while enjoying it. And, it should also connect us to the place it was grown, which is the reason for Birds & Beans. The only U.S. coffee brand that's 100% Smithsonian Bird-Friendly Certified, every bag helps preserve over 100,000 acres of tropical habitat for migratory and local birds. It's shade-grown, on family farms, the way coffee traditionally flourished, before monoculture production stripped away vegetation and habitats to mass-produce it. Plus, it's Organic and Fair-Trade Certified, too. So, whether you tell your best stories to the chocolatey notes of the Medium-Dark Roast or you'd rather the sweet-toffee smoothness of the Espresso, let Birds & Beans connect you to details that matter.



# **COCONUT FOR THE CULINARY ARTISTE!**

Has your culinary reputation experienced Nutiva? Because every chef needs this collection of coconut oils and spreads in their repertoire! They're Certified Organic, Non-GMO Project Verified and brought to you by a company that gives 1% of its sales to Regenerative Agriculture. Now, for the delicious details! Coconut Manna is as simple as it is divine—just dried coconut meat, pureed into spreadable bliss that you can pair with almost anything edible. Then there's Nutiva's answer to a vegan version of butter— Coconut Oil with a craveable buttery flavor that's entirely plant-based! Finally, no culinary artiste should be without their cold-pressed Virgin Coconut Oil as a kitchen staple. Once you've tasted the heavenly, fresh coconut-y flavor Nutiva is known for; you won't want to be without it ever again. You have a reputation to uphold, remember?







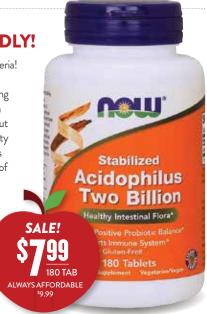
# HAVE A CUPPA REVITALIZATION!

Are you feeling stressed lately? Might we suggest a cup of tea? Organic India Tulsi Tea, that is! Tulsi, also known as Holy Basil, functions as an adaptogen, supporting your body's healthy response to stress.\* Most importantly, it's brought to you by a company founded in a passion for revitalizing the earth. Organic India practices what our planet is in critical need of now-bio-regenerative organic farming, which works to improve soil health and the environment with every crop cycle. Packaged in bags made of organic manila hemp with strings of unbleached cotton fiber, Tulsi Teas are refreshing hot or iced, with a range of delightfully nurturing blends like Sweet Rose and Turmeric Ginger. So, grab a book, grab a cat, grab a moment of forgetting it's 2020, and let Organic India Tulsi Tea do the rest.



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# **B ENERGIZED!**

Energy—it's often something we associate with the kids or ourselves after that second cup of coffee. Did you know that your immune system requires energy, too, for proper function? And that B vitamins play a vital role in supplying that energy? They also help synthesize neurotransmitters and maintain healthy brain cells, which has a positive impact on our mental wellbeing, but there's a catch. Our bodies don't store B vitamins, so they need to be replenished daily. They also must be in their metabolically active, coenzyme form, to be effective, which is why you need to know about Natural Factors Biocoenzymated Active B Complex. This formula takes it a step beyond effective with its proprietary EnviroSimplex® Technology. The synergistic power of plant phytochemicals and coenzymated B vitamins combines to deliver the most metabolically active nutrients straight to your cells. Forget about that second cup of coffee—it's time to energize your health with B vitamins!\*



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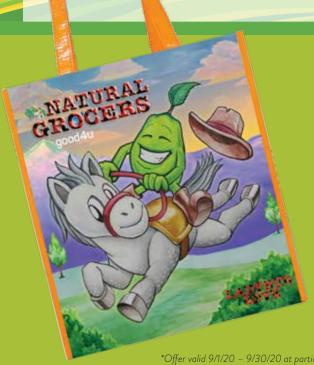


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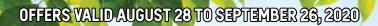


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# THE INEXTRICABLE CONNECTION BETWEEN HUMAN HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT By Lindsay Wilson

The mountains, streams, valleys, oceans, deserts, and all things are related to our thoughts and actions.

All things are in relationship with each other."

-Nancy Jasmine Wallace, Cherokee Medicine Woman

As the summer comes to a close, think about the times you spent outdoors. Perhaps you had lazy days by a river or lake. Did you hike or camp in a forest? Lounge on a beach? Or maybe you enjoyed your own backyard, tending a garden, or relaxing in the shade. Humans like to be outside; nature is good for us, mentally and physiologically. Research published in 2018 revealed that exposure to greenspaces—defined as natural, open, undeveloped land, as well as urban parks and street greenery—was associated with a reduced risk of type-2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, stress, high blood pressure, preterm birth, and even premature death. The study also found that populations with more greenspace exposure are more likely to report overall good health in general. More recently, a 2019 study found that people who spent at least 120 minutes a week in a natural environment consistently reported higher levels of health and mental wellbeing."

Humans need nature... and what we do to the environment, we do to ourselves.

# A SICK PLANET LEADS TO A SICK POPULATION

Chronic diseases like cancer, type-2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, autoimmune diseases, and neurodegenerative diseases are the nation's leading cause of death and disability, killing almost two million Americans each year. Nearly half of the U.S. population suffers from at least one of them, with one in four adults having two or more chronic conditions. Chronic disease is not just a burden of aging either—it is becoming more common in young people. The steady rise of chronic illnesses among humans cannot be blamed on genetics alone, and, indeed, researchers and doctors have begun to recognize that environmental exposure to toxins plays a significant role. As one researcher said, "genetics load the gun, but environment pulls the trigger." And, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), at least 12.6 million deaths worldwide each year can be attributed to "avoidable environmental risks" and account for nearly a quarter of the global disease burden.

As humans damage the planet's environment, we make ourselves sick.





# THIS WAY OF GROWING FOOD IS NEGATIVELY AFFECTING OUR WATER, SOIL, AIR, AND, ULTIMATELY, OUR HEALTH.

Yet, we continue to pollute our environments and our bodies. Humans continue to cause climate change which in turn drives the loss of vast amounts of biodiversity. We are degrading the topsoil at an alarming rate, with some predicting that if we continue with current farming practices we will be out of topsoil in 60 years. We continue to fell large swaths of forests contributing to more climate change. Many industries are damaging the environment, but a good place to start the conversation—and the change—is with industrial conventional agriculture.

# CONVENTIONAL AGRICULTURE IS DESTROYING THE ENVIRONMENT, AND OUR HEALTH

The way we produce our food is not sustainable. In a quest for greater profits, we have come to rely on large-scale, high-intensity monoculture, in which huge areas of land are dedicated to producing a single crop or livestock species, and requires massive amounts of synthetic chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Each year, the U.S. uses more than one billion pounds of pesticides and tens of millions of pounds of synthetic fertilizers, with commodity crops like corn, cotton, soybeans, and wheat accounting for most of their use. vi vii This way of growing food is negatively affecting our water, soil, air, and, ultimately, our health.

More than 90 percent of the U.S. population has detectable levels of pesticides or their metabolites in their bodies and most of the exposure comes from the food we eat and our drinking water. Cumulative and chronic pesticide exposure has been linked to numerous health problems, including lower IQs and learning problems, cancer, diabetes, reproductive and endocrine problems, neurodegenerative disorders, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory conditions. viii ix x xi xii

Water quality is compromised by agricultural runoff of water from farm fields. Runoff from fields washes pesticides and fertilizers into lakes, rivers, and streams, impacting drinking water for nearby residents. The University of California at Davis Center for Watershed Sciences studied the link between agriculture and groundwater and found that "agricultural fertilizers and animal wastes are by far the largest regional sources of nitrate in groundwater, contributing 96 percent of the nitrate loading to groundwater in these agricultural regions."xxii Drinking water that contains nitrates has been linked to an increased risk of colorectal cancer, thyroid disease, and neural tube defects. Many studies observed increased risk with ingestion of water nitrate levels that were below regulatory limits.xiv

Dead zones, and algae blooms resulting from agricultural runoff, are an ever-growing problem as well. An algae overgrowth can choke out aquatic life and make water unsafe for swimming and drinking. Further, algae blooms emit large amounts of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, which scientists say can accelerate global methane emissions up to 90 percent over the next century.xv

Conventional agriculture also takes a major toll on the soil. Heavy tilling, multiple harvests of the same crop every year, and the heavy use of chemicals depletes valuable soil nutrients and microbes, requiring farmers to use ever-increasing amounts of chemical fertilizers to stimulate plant growth. The heavy use of pesticides further depletes important soil microorganisms.xvi A recent United Nations study found that one-third of the Earth's fertile soil is being "acutely degraded." The biggest factor? Conventional agriculture.xvii Soil degradation leads to erosion and eventually desertification, making it harder to continue farming

and threatening food production. vii Degraded soil also releases carbon into the atmosphere, making it a major contributor to climate change.xix xx

And, while we typically think of the fossil fuel industry as the biggest contributor to air pollution, conventional agriculture isn't off the hook. A study published in 2019 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, found that conventional agriculture is responsible for 12 percent of air pollution-related deaths each year. It is also the single largest contributor to health and economic damages, emitted from the application and storage of manure on factory farms and the use of synthetic fertilizer.xxi

### **WE CAN DO BETTER**

What we have done to the environment has undermined our health, but we can do better. We must do better. More households are buying organic, with concerns about climate change and the environment the most common reasons cited for doing so.xxii We're also actively seeking out companies that are taking steps to reduce their environmental impact.xxiii According to the Hartman Group, a marketing research group, "In this tense national mood, consumers appear to be more willing to prioritize the greater good in their purchasing than in the past. In a major shift, consumers now report

the environment as their major reason for purchasing sustainable or socially responsible products."xxiv We still have time to re-imagine our future—soil can be regenerated, water quality can be restored, air can be cleared of pollution, and we can all live healthier lives.

One of the most effective ways we can make a difference—both individually and collectively—is what we choose to purchase with our dollars. When you make purchases that support organic and regenerative farms and ranches, you are also building a more resilient system of food production. One that prioritizes the environment, soil health, biodiversity, water quality, clean air, and human health.

Historically, pandemics have forced humans to break with the past and imagine their world anew. This one is no different. It is a portal, a gateway between one world and the next. We can choose to walk through it, dragging the carcasses of our prejudice and hatred, our avarice, our data banks and dead ideas, our dead rivers and smoky skies behind us. Or we can walk through lightly, with little luggage, ready to imagine another world. And ready to fight for it.'

-Arundhati Roy

References available upon request.

# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IS SOCIAL JUSTICE

Conversations about social justice and environmental justice often happen as two separate dialogues, but these issues are intricately connected. Those who are most affected by exposure to environmental pollution are frequently the very same people who experience social and racial injustice. Researchers are beginning to explore the relationship between the disparate exposure to pollution as a major factor in health inequities among minorities and those of low economic status.xxv For example, farmworkers—often undocumented immigrants are on the frontlines working with harmful pesticides, often with very little training or understanding of how the exposure can affect their health. Studies have shown that pesticides brought into the home on parents' clothing and skin also put farmworkers' children at risk.xxvi One long-term study conducted by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley found that the children of farmworkers, and children who lived near fields where organophosphate pesticides are sprayed, had higher rates of neurodevelopmental problems, including autism, hyperactivity, and reduced IQs. xxvii xxvii Early life exposure to environmental toxins has also been associated with increased levels of inflammation in adulthood, increasing the risk for inflammation-related health problems. Socially disadvantaged children are more likely to live in areas with higher exposure to pollution, which increases inflammation and oxidative damage.xxix

A 2019 analysis by the Union of Concerned Scientists found that African Americans, Latinos, Asian-Americans, and low-income communities in California are exposed to "substantially more" air pollution compared to other demographic groups, with African-Americans and Latinos exposed to 43 percent and 39 percent

more fine particulate matter compared to white Californians. Fine particulate air pollution poses a serious risk to human health and has been linked with higher rates of cardiovascular and lung diseases, asthma, low birth weight and preterm births, and premature death.xxx xxxi Research has also found that concentrated animal feeding operations (i.e., factory farms) are more frequently located in minority and low-income communities, with residents experiencing higher rates of infant mortality, kidney disease, asthma, and high blood pressure.\*\*\*\* A large body of research has come to the same conclusion: race and socioeconomic class are both significant determinants of levels of exposure to pollution, including proximity to hazardous waste sites and exposure to air and water pollution. "...the poor and especially the nonwhite poor bear a disproportionate burden of exposure to suboptimal, unhealthy environmental conditions in the United States."xxxiv

As we move forward to create solutions in the fight for environmental justice, we must also confront the racial and social injustices bound up in the fight, for there is no racial justice without environmental justice. References available upon request.



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- 2 handfuls fresh organic spinach, roughly chopped
- 12 pepperoni slices, quartered
- 1 tablespoon organic butter, melted

Prep time: 10 minutes **Cooking time: 35 minutes** 

**Total time: 45 minutes** 

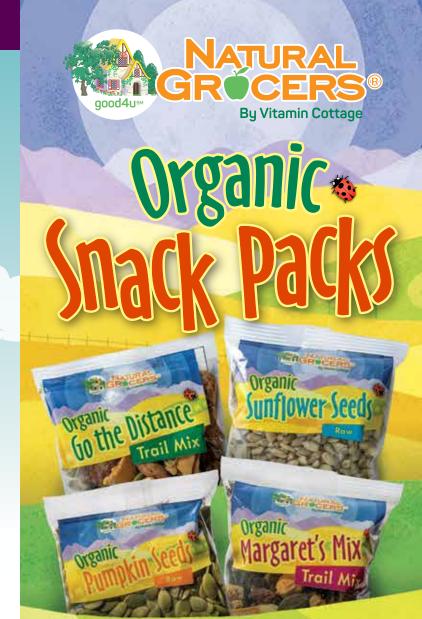
## INSTRUCTIONS

Serves: 6

- 1. Preheat your oven to 350° F.
- 2. Brush the base, edges, and rim of the pie shell with the melted butter.
- 3. In a mixing bowl combine the eggs and coconut cream and whisk until smooth.
- Roughly chop or rip (with hands) the Spinach.
- 5. Cut the pepperoni into quarters.
- Distribute evenly the piñon nuts, spinach and pepperoni in the bottom of the pie shell. Pour the egg mixture over the top. Use a spoon or a fork to move the filling around to ensure even distribution and the egg mixture is well incorporated.
- Bake for 35 minutes or just until the quiche has set (no longer runny



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# THIS ESSENTIAL ELEMENT'S GOT YOU COVERED

By Liz Mueller

Feel a cold coming on? Think zinc. Dealing with bouts of acne? Think zinc. Perhaps you're struggling with male infertility. Or depression. Again, it's zinc to the rescue! But don't we get enough of this important nutrient just by eating healthy? Probably not. Foods that once contained copious amounts of minerals, like zinc, are only as nutritious as the soil in which they're grown, and it's evident that the health of our soil is rapidly on the decline, which means most of us probably aren't getting optimal amounts of this important mineral.

# ZINC AND THE IMMUNE SYSTEM.

First, let's pay homage to one of zinc's most important functions in the body—supporting the immune system. One of the primary types of cells activated and supported by zinc are T cells, a type of white blood cell that seeks out and destroys infected cells. Adequate levels of zinc are essential for T cells' division and maturation, and in the case of a zinc deficiency, T cell development and function is impaired, leading to reduced numbers of this important immune cell. The zinc also influences the activity of other important immune cells like macrophages and neutrophils, and is required for certain immune cells to communicate. Even moderate deficiencies in zinc can increase the risk of infection, and according to one review, "...impaired immune functions due to inadequate zinc status may be the most common cause of secondary immunodeficiency in humans."

# ZINC AND MENTAL HEALTH.

# ZINC FOR SKIN AND SPERM HEALTH.

Zinc has anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, making it a powerful mineral for treating skin conditions such as acne, rosacea, and eczema.\*\* Topical zinc oxide is used to prevent UV-induced skin damage and may reduce the incidence of malignancies.\*\* Moreover, higher zinc plasma levels correlate with high sperm count and better sperm health, with low zinc levels being a potential risk factor for poor sperm quality and male infertility.\*\*

Whatever your zinc needs may be, supplementing with this essential element can take over where foods may fall short. Soil mineral depletion is on the rise, and with it, micronutrients like zinc have declined in our food.\*\* Eating high-quality, organic foods is second to none when it comes to taking health matters into your own hands, but supplementing with minerals like all-encompassing zinc can offer a safety net we can all afford to have. Forms to consider taking include zinc acetate, zinc gluconate, zinc orotate, and zinc citrate.

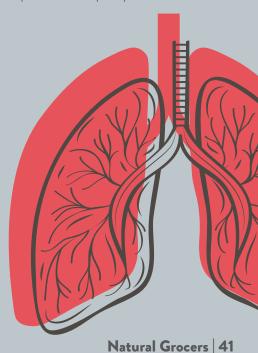
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Like zinc, selenium is a trace mineral that is important in maintaining healthy immunity, and supplementation has been shown to stimulate the immune response, including enhancing immune cell response to infection. Selenium deficiency has been shown to impair the immune response, allowing viruses to freely replicate, and to increase a person's susceptibility to viral infections. xxi xxiii Selenium acts as an antioxidant and is needed by the body to make glutathione, one of our most powerful endogenous antioxidants. During viral infections, free radicals are produced in large amounts and without sufficient selenium, they can quickly overwhelm our antioxidant defenses, causing massive inflammation and damage to body tissues. It has been shown that selenium supplementation modulates the inflammatory response in acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) patients by restoring the antioxidant capacity of the lungs, thus improving lung function.xxiv

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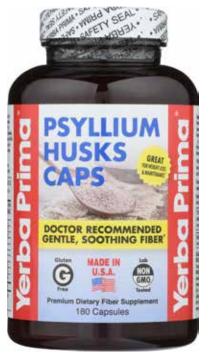
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# **INGREDIENTS**

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1 teaspoon fresh organic grated ginger

½ teaspoon zest and 1 tablespoon juice from one small organic orange

½ teaspoon organic lemon zest

¼ teaspoon Natural Grocers Brand Bulk Organic Cayenne Pepper

¼ teaspoon Natural Grocers Brand Bulk Organic Ground Cinnamon

Pinch of Natural Grocers Brand Bulk Real Salt

1 head of green leaf, romaine, or butter lettuce

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COOKING TIME: 1 HOUR | TOTAL TIME: 3+ HOURS | SERVES: 4

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Preheat oven to 425° F. Place beets on a baking sheet and roast for about an hour, or until tender when pierced with a fork. Peel the beets once cool enough to handle; cut off tops and bottoms, then slice.
- 2. Whisk remaining ingredients (through salt) in a bowl, gently toss with the beets, and refrigerate for several hours. Serve over a bed of lettuce topped with goat cheese and nuts if desired.

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