

The Benefits of Eggs Unscrambled!

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Are eggs good or bad for you? The answer has finally been unscrambled.

Recent research has highlighted that the cholesterol found in eggs has a minimal effect on blood cholesterol levels. An average of 1 egg per day can easily fit into a healthy diet. So, despite eggs unhealthy reputation in the past, we now know that eggs are a great choice:

- **They are an excellent source of protein.** Getting enough protein from your meals can be especially challenging during breakfast time. Eggs can help! Each large egg has 6 grams of protein. Add them to your breakfast to help spread your protein intake more evenly throughout the day.
- **They are nutritious.** Don't throw out the yolks, as they contain almost half of the protein and many other healthy nutrients, such as choline, folate, vitamin B12 and vitamin A.
- **They are affordable and readily available.** Some organic or omega-3 enriched options can be more expensive so stick to the regular option. Eggs are a good choice any way.
- **They are versatile and easy to use.** Perfect for quick meal with family or friends. Get the little ones involved too – teach them how to crack open an egg and whip up some delicious scrambled eggs!

Here are some simple ideas of how to incorporate more eggs into your diet:

- Hard boil eggs and keep them in the fridge for easy snacks or additions to meals.
- Bake mini-quiches in muffin cups for a quick grab-and-go option in the morning, or make a sandwich with an English muffin and microwave it with a slice of cheese for a quick meal.
- Egg salad is a great staple when you just don't know what to pack for lunches. You can make it ahead of time and keep it in the fridge for 2-3 days.
- Try a healthier version of "fried" rice at home. Stir-fry brown rice, with your favourite vegetables, and some eggs.
- Top pizza or sautéed greens with an over-easy egg.

Want some more delicious and nutritious ideas? Visit Breakfast for Learning's Nutrition corner at <http://www.breakfastforlearning.ca/services-info/nutrition-corner/>.

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