

Use this guide to buy and serve amounts of foods recommended for health and wellbeing.

- Recommended portion sizes are for one person.
- Multiply by the planned number of serves.

1 portion of protein food
1-2 portions of carbohydrate foods

3 or more portions of vegetables

## **Protein foods** 1 portion =

100-250g (raw weight) meat, fish or poultry

2 eggs

170g tofu or canned legumes (drained weight)

portion per meal variety of choices

## Recommended portion sizes for balanced and leftover meals

## **Vegetables** 1 portion =

1-2 slices

pumpkin or eggplant

2-4 florets or pieces

cauliflower or broccolini or

mushrooms

**1⁄4 −1⁄2** piece

carrot or zucchini

**½** piece

tomato or beetroot

1/4 piece

capsicum or onion or

avocado

1 handful

leafy greens or beans or peas

## Carbohydrate foods 1 portion =

1 slice bread or

1/2 roll or wrap

1 potato or

1/4 sweet potato or

½ corn cob

1/2 cup legumes

1/2 cup cooked pasta or

1/4 cup cooked rice

1-2
portions per
meal or more
for active
people

variety of



A set of practical resources published by Meat & Livestock Australia mlahealthymeals.com.au for health professionals to provide guidance on red meat, healthy eating and reducing food waste.

# Variety and affordable options for balanced and leftover meals

#### **Vegetables**

#### **Green vegetables**

broccoli, spinach, green beans, bok choy, peas, lettuce, snow peas, asparagus, kale, broccolini, brussels sprouts

Orange vegetables carrots, pumpkin, squash

#### Red/purple vegetables

tomato, capsicum, beetroot, eggplant red cabbage

#### Other vegetables

zucchini, celery, onion, cabbage, cauliflower, mushrooms, cucumber. bean sprouts

#### **Protein foods**

#### Beef

lean mince, diced, strips, steak, roast

#### Lamb

lean steak, roast. mince, chops

#### Fish

fillet, canned tuna. smoked salmon

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Chicken

lean breast, thighs, roast

#### Pork

lean chops, steak, roast

#### Legumes

Tofu, tempeh

Goat

Kangaroo

Venison

#### Carbohydrate foods

#### Legumes

canned, dried

#### **Potatoes** Sweet corn

Sweet potato

#### Pasta

Rice

#### **Noodles**

#### **Bread**

wraps, rolls, pitta bread

#### Grains

couscous, polenta, quinoa, barley, bourghul

## **Vegetables**

Different colours provide a variety of important nutrients such as vitamin A, C and antioxidants. different per meal

### **Red meat**

- Key nutrients excellent source of iron and zinc.
- Lean beef. lamb, pork, goat, kangaroo, venison.

## **Fish**

- Key nutrient excellent source of omega-3.
- Fresh, canned. frozen.

Fish **2**x a week

## Legumes

• Key nutrient – dietary fibre important for gut health.

Red meat

3-4x

a week

- · Chick peas, lentils, baked beans, kidney beans, three bean mix and more.
- Serve as a protein or carbohydrate food.

Legumes 2x a week

