# **Nutrition Labels**

- Nutrition labels contain information on the

labels of prepackaged foods.

- Include a nutrition facts table and an ingredients list.
- Gives you information about the nutritional value of a food.
  - You can use this information to make healthier food choices and achieve overall good health.
- Nutrition labeling became mandatory for all prepackaged foods in Canada in December 2007.

## **Nutrition Facts Tables**

#### - Nutrition Facts tables give you information about calories, core nutrients and percent

daily value (% DV) of nutrients

- They also include information about serving size, and how many servings are in

the particular packaged food.

## **Percent Daily Value**

- Daily value is the daily recommended amount of each nutrient based on a 2000 calorie

diet.

- % DV is how much of each nutrient is in a food in regards to your total

recommended DV.

Serving Size 172 g

Amount Per Serving						
Calories 200			Calories fr	om Fat 8		
			% Daih	y Value*		
Total Fat 1g				1%		
Saturated Fat 0g			1%			
Trans Fat						
Cholesterol Omg				0%		
Sodium 7mg				0%		
Total Carbohydrate 36g 12				12%		
Dietary Fiber 11g			45%			
Sugars 6g						
Protein 13g						
Vitamin A	1%	•	Vitamin C	1%		
Calcium	4%	•	Iron	24%		
*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.						
NutritionData.com						

 $- \le 5\%$  DV is considered a little.

 $- \ge 15\%$  DV is considered a lot.

- On Nutrition Facts tables, there is a % DV for: fat, saturated and trans fats (combined), sodium, carbohydrate, fibre, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium and iron.
- There is no % DV for:
  - Protein since most Canadians get enough.
  - Sugar since there is no generally accepted sugar target for a healthy population
  - % DV for cholesterol is optional.

### **Daily Values**

RE = retinol equivalents	Nutrient	Daily Value	Nutrient	Daily Value
1 g = 1000 mg	Fat	65 g	Fibre	25 g
*The values in this table are for a 2000 calorie per day diet.	Saturated + Trans Fats	20 g	Vitamin A	1000 RE
	Cholesterol	300 mg	Vitamin C	60 mg
	Sodium	2400 mg	Calcium	1300 mg
	Carbohydrate	300 g	Iron	14 mg