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New to ANNUAL EDITIONS is the inclusion of related World Wide Web sites. These sites have been selected by our editorial staff to represent some of the best resources found on the World Wide Web today. Through our carefully developed topic guide, we have linked these Web resources to the articles covered in this ANNUAL EDITIONS reader. We think that you will find this volume useful, and we hope that you will take a moment to visit us on the Web at <a href="http://www.dushkin.com">http://www.dushkin.com</a> to tell us what you think.

ou may agree with Pudd'nhead Wilson (a character created by Mark Twain) who said, "The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not." Nutritionists would argue that you can't achieve or maintain good health on a diet of soft drinks and vending machine foods. But you might be surprised to learn that many of your favorite foods can fit into a good diet. In making food choices, remember that variety and moderation are two key words that will assist you in achieving positive health outcomes and avoiding the negative results of excesses or deficiencies.

An array of resources is available to help you make decisions, including popular publications, the news media, scientific journals, and people from many educational backgrounds. Your dilemma is to select reliable sources that will supply factual information based on science rather than exaggerations based on bias. It is important to avoid overreacting to nutrition-and foodrelated news items or promotional materials, especially if they sound sensational or have shock value. The exaggeration and the myth are what much of the public grasps and, in large measure, reacts to. My challenge to you is to use this Annual Editions: Nutrition 00/01, preferably with a standard nutrition text, as an invitation to learning. Become a discriminating learner. Compare what you hear and read to the accepted body of knowledge. If this volume provides you with useful information, challenges your thinking, broadens your understanding, or motivates you to take some useful action, it will have fulfilled its purpose.

While this entire volume is essentially one of current events and current thinking, the first unit focuses on trends that give a preview of the future and that relate to characteristics of today's food consumer, the food industry, and views of foods and food components. The next three units are devoted to nutrients, diet and dis-

ease, and weight control. All are topics which directly relate to our health, and the dynamic state of knowledge on these subjects requires each of us to be constantly learning and adjusting. Units on food safety and health claims follow, areas in which consumers are especially vulnerable to media and promotional hype and misinformation. The last unit addresses hunger and malnutrition as social and political issues. This unit is intended primarily as a forum for global concerns, but it has become abundantly clear that hunger is also a national issue.

Although the units in this book are distinct, many of the articles have broader significance. The topic guide will help you to find other articles on a given subject. Also, World Wide Web sites can be used to further explore topics. These sites are cross-referenced by number in the topic guide. You also will find that many of the articles contain at least some element of controversy, the origin of which may be incomplete knowledge, questionable policy, pseudoscience, or competing needs. Sometimes these are difficult issues to resolve, and frequently any resolution creates further dilemmas. But creatively solving problems is our challenge. We take the world as it is and use it as the foundation for tomorrow's discoveries and solutions.

Annual Editions: Nutrition 00/01 is an anthology, and any anthology can be improved, including this one. You can influence the content of future editions by returning the postage-paid article rating form on the last page of this book with your comments and suggestions.

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2.	Nutrient Requirements Get a Makeover: The Evolution of the Recommended Dietary Allowances, Food Insight, September/October 1998.  The Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) were conceived in 1941 to establish nutrient amounts that would prevent deficiency diseases. Currently a more comprehensive view establishes average requirements, adequate intake, and tolerable upper intake levels.	13
. 3.	<b>Staking a Claim to Good Health,</b> Paula Kurtzweil, FDA Consumer, November/December 1998. <b>Health claims</b> on <b>food labels</b> alert consumers to the protective effects of foods in reducing <b>disease risk.</b> Currently 10 such claims can be scientifically supported and are authorized by the FDA.	16
4.	Are Fruits and Vegetables Less Nutritious Today? University of California, Berkeley Wellness Letter, May 1998. A common fallacy, which is that our produce is grown on poor soil, fuels concern about the nutrient content of fruits and vegetables.	20
5.	<b>The Freshness Fallacy,</b> Minna Morse, Health, March 1998. It is a commonly held belief that <b>fresh produce</b> is superior to <b>frozen and canned fruits and vegetables.</b> Nevertheless, research supports the concept that fresh equals frozen equals canned.	21
6.	The New Foods: Functional or Dysfunctional? Consumer Reports on Health, June 1999.  As long as a specific disease is not mentioned and the benefit comes from the food's nutrients, Congress allows "structure and function" claims on food labels. Ambiguities over what this means has led to a proliferation of food items on grocery shelves.	23
	The Curse of Frankenfood: Genetically Modified Crops Stir Up Controversy at Home and Abroad, Phillip J. Longman, U.S. News & World Report, July 26, 1999. Genetically modified crops are commonplace in our food supply. Paradoxically, they have both resolved some problems of crop production and raised health and environmental issues that are international in scope.	27
8.	Low-Calorie Sweeteners, Mayo Clinic Health Letter, August 1999. Four low-calorie sweeteners are FDA-approved. Although consumers may be unlikely to consume unsafe amounts of low-calorie sweeteners, they may be lured into making poor food choices.	30
9.	It's Crunch Time for P&G's Olestra, Pamela Sherrid, U.S. News & World Report, May 31, 1999.  The synthetic fat olestra has achieved some acceptance but remains highly controversial. Food activists have persistently opposed its use. Consumers and food producers are wary of the label warning required by the FDA.	32
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the display signs, are carefully crafted to increase your purchases.



# Trends Today and Tomorrow

Ten articles examine the eating patterns of people today. Some of the topics considered include nutrients in our diet, eating trends, food labeling, and self-service outlets.



### **Nutrients**

Ten articles discuss the importance of nutrients and fiber in our diet. Topics include dietary standards, carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins, supplements, and minerals.

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 Fats: The Good, the Bad, the Trans, George Blackburn, Health News, July 25, 1999.

Fats are required for good health, but the wrong kinds of fat can be harmful. In previous years we committed to margarine rather than butter to avoid saturated fat. Now we find that the trans fatty acids in margarine (and other processed foods) are just as harmful to health as is saturated fat.

12. Should You Be Eating More Fat and Fewer Carbohydrates? Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, February 1999.

Emerging information about **heart disease** indicates that more **fat** as opposed to **carbohydrates** may be advisable for those with **syndrome X.** A discussion of these findings and approaches to achieving heart health provides useful guidelines.

13. Sugar: What's the Harm? Consumer Reports on Health, May 1999.
In the popular view, sugar causes hyperactivity and even crime, but on these charges it remains guiltless. Some argue that it pre-

disposes one to diabetes and heart attacks. At best, sugar provides

- only empty calories.

  14. Vitamin C: Foods Yes, Pills No, Consumer Reports on Health, November 1998.

  Controversies about safe and healthy amounts of vitamin C have continued over the years. This new discussion supports more than the current RDA amounts—but only from food sources. Protection against colds is refuted.
- 15. The Best D-Fense, University of California, Berkeley Wellness Letter, December 1998.
  Research that links vitamin D with cancer protection is on the cutting edge, but vitamin D is critical for strong bones. Supplied both by food and by exposure of the skin to sunlight, it is still possible to get too little. Guidelines are provided.
- 16. Can Vitamin E Prevent Heart Disease? Beth Fontenot, Nutrition Forum, July/August 1999. Many physicians recommend vitamin E supplements to protect against heart and other diseases. However, relevant studies report conflicting results or undesirable effects. The debate continues.
- 17. A Disease of Too Much Iron, Vincent J. Felitti, Health News, January 5, 1999.
  While most of us are concerned about getting enough iron in our diets, a number of people with hereditary hemochromatosis absorb far too much. The excess iron is deposited in body tissues, leading to severe medical problems. Early detection is the key to preventing damage.
- 18. National Academy of Sciences Introduces New Calcium Recommendations, Luann Soliah, Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences, Volume 91, Number 1, 1999. As expected, the National Academy of Sciences has released new and higher recommendations for calcium intake to promote bone health and guard against osteoporosis. A discussion of the new guidelines and information on calcium food sources and supplements is provided.
- 19. Fiber: Strands of Protection, Consumer Reports on Health, August 1999.
  Fiber, although not a nutrient, is known to be important to good health. Studies have repeatedly shown that high fiber diets benefit the heart, reduce blood pressure, and maintain lower insulin levels. But studies related to the prevention of colon cancer have had conflicting results.

20.	Food for Thought about Dietary Supplements, Paul R. Thomas, Nutrition Today, March/April 1996.	66
	Billions of dollars are spent yearly on dietary supplements.	
	Paul Thomas, who used them extensively, has since decided that	
	a good dose of skepticism about supplement use is healthy. He	
	believes that there is no scientific support for routine sup-	
	plement use.	

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- 21. Disease-Fighting Foods? (Many Are Overhyped. But All Offer Important Lessons about Good Nutrition), Consumer Reports on Health, March 1999. Miracle foods do not exist, but foods do contain active ingredients that are protective to the body. The cumulative protective effect of these chemicals adds further credence to the recommendation to eat a wide variety of foods daily.
- 22. "Mediterranean Diet" Reduces Risk of Second Heart Attack, The Cleveland Clinic Heart Advisor, July 1999.

The **Mediterranean Diet** has been promoted as **heart-healthy** for some time. This is not a low-fat diet, but it does rely on **unsaturated oils** and more **omega-3 fatty acids** than most of us get.

- 23. Homocysteine: "The New Cholesterol"? The Cleveland Clinic Heart Advisor, February 1999.
  In the continued search to understand the etiology of heart disease, homocysteine has emerged as a possible key player. The current questions are whether or not low levels of folic acid and B-6 might be causative, and if cardiac disease can be reduced by reducing homocysteine levels.
- 24. Soy: Cause for Joy? Jack Raso and Ruth Kava, Priorities, Volume 11, Number 1, 1999.
  Soybeans contain an unusually high concentration of isoflavones, plant estrogens considered protective against diseases such as coronary heart disease, cancer, and osteoporosis. Soy products can be a good addition to the diet, but more research is needed to identify the risks of high intakes.
- 25. False Alarms about Food, Consumer Reports on Health, February 1999.
  While true allergies exist, their incidence is greatly exaggerated.
  This article addresses misconceptions related to the frequence

This article addresses *misconceptions* related to the frequence and seriousness of allergy occurrence, as well as lactose intolerance and monosodium glutamate reactions.

- 26. Questions and Answers about Cancer, Diet and Fats, International Food Information Council, May 27, 1999. It is difficult to identify clear cause-and-effect relationships between diet and cancer. So far the strongest recommendations that can be supported indicate a well-balanced diet emphasizing fruits and vegetables, whole grains, and beans.
- 27. How to Grow a Healthy Child, Dairy Council Digest, November/December 1998.
  Children's failure to eat recommended diets and the rise in overweight among the nation's youth trigger concern. Good childhood diets can protect against poor early development and later osteoporosis. Providing an environment for making healthy food selections is key.
- 28. A Focus on Nutrition for the Elderly: It's Time to Take a Closer Look, Nutrition Insights, July 1999. Natural body changes due to aging, as well as chronic diseases, can alter the nutrient needs of the elderly. A comparison of what older people actually eat to the Healthy Eating Index provides a picture of their overall diet quality.



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### Through the Life Span: Diet and Disease

Ten articles examine our health as it is affected by diet throughout our lives. Some topics include the links between diet and disease, cholesterol, and eating habits.



# Fat and Weight Control

Nine articles examine weight management. Topics include the relationship between dieting and exercise, the effects of various diet plans, and the relationship between being overweight and fit.

29.	Physical	Activit	y and	Nutr	ition: A	Winn	ing Com-
	bination	for H	ealth,	Dairy	Council	Digest,	May/June
	1998.						•,0

Avoiding and delaying disease requires a healthy lifestyle that includes **exercise** as well as a **good diet**.

Alcohol and Health: Straight Talk on the Medical 104 Headlines, Charles H. Hennekens, Health News, March 31, 1998.

The news about **alcohol and health** is another example of **mixed reviews**. Although moderate and heavy drinking may be involved in several **chronic diseases**, alcohol offers some protection from **heart disease**.

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- 31. Weight Control: Challenges and Solutions, Dairy Council Digest, May/June 1999.
  More than half of the adult population and a growing percentage of children are now categorized as either overweight or obese. Lack of exercise remains the primary key. Various treatment and management approaches are suggested.
- 32. Childhood Obesity and Family SES Racial Differences, Patricia B. Crawford, Allison Drury, and Sheila Stern, Healthy Weight Journal, May/June 1999.

  Previous studies have shown correlations between childhood obesity and socioeconomic status, but newer studies find that this is not true for African American girls. Weight similarities between white and African American girls are associated with other variables of family structure.
- 33. NIH Guidelines: An Evaluation, Frances M. Berg, Healthy Weight Journal, March/April 1999. This article challenges the newest obesity guidelines established by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI). It points out fallacies related to health risks and reminds us that weight-loss methods are often ineffective and are themselves associated with health risks.
- 34. The Great Weight Debate, Consumer Reports on Health, January 1999.
  This article acknowledges the controversy about weight, emphasizes the health risks of obesity, and points out that the location of body fat has significance. Guidelines for determining one's need to lose weight are offered.
- 35. Exploding the Myth: Weight Loss Makes You
  Healthier, Paul Ernsberger, Healthy Weight Journal,
  January/February 1999.
  While weight loss is recommended to ameliorate or cure a
  variety of conditions and diseases, its ability to do so is
  greatly exaggerated. The benefits may be short-term only, but the
  lifestyle changes that accompany weight loss may be beneficial.
- 36. Simplifying the Advice for Slimming Down, Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, April 1999.
  Once one has decided to lose weight, choosing an appropriate weight loss plan can be very difficult. Guidelines for selecting a safe plan and making it successful are offered.
- 37. The History of Dieting and Its Effectiveness, Wayne C. Miller, Healthy Weight Journal, March/April 1997. Many dieting schemes have been tried with undesirable or temporary results. New approaches are often individualized but are expensive and may not be safe or effective.

38. Dieting Disorder, David Rosen, Health News, May 10, 131 1999.
The reason why 5 million Americans suffer from eating disorders is still unclear, but a recent study confirms that severe dieting is a stronger predictor. This and recognizing other risk factors can be useful in early intervention.

39. The Effects of Starvation on Behavior: Implications for Dieting and Eating Disorders, David M. Garner, Healthy Weight Journal, September/October 1998.
 During starvation, the physical and psychological changes experienced are virtually identical to the behaviors of those with anorexia nervosa. This article addresses the misconceptions that willpower alone can control body weight and that emotional

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disturbance leads to binge eating.

 Food Safety: Don't Get Burned, Consumer Reports 140 on Health, July 1999.

Answers to **common misconceptions** about **food handling practices** include cooking temperatures, freezing, and cutting boards.

41. Audits International's Home Food Safety Survey,
Audits International, 1999.
Issues of food safety are relevant to food handling at home
as well as in commercial establishments. Only a quarter of survey
participants prepared food acceptably, although they knew they
were being observed.

- 42. Avoiding Cross-Contamination in the Home, Institute of Food Science & Technology, May 25, 1999.

  Cross-contamination of food is preventable and would significantly reduce the incidence of food-borne illness. Using proper methods for food preparation and storage is essential.
- 43. Why You Need a Kitchen Thermometer, Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, June 1998.
  Only the thermometer can tell you when your food is safe.
  To ensure that it has cooked enough, follow these tips.
- 44. Campylobacter: Low-Profile Bug Is Food Poisoning Leader, Audrey Hingley, FDA Consumer, September/October 1999.
  The number-one cause of food-borne illness in the United States, Campylobacter is a resident of gastrointestinal tracts and is often found in raw poultry. Concern about antibiotic resistance in
- 45. E. Coli 0157:H7—How Dangerous Has It Become? 158

  Nutrition & the M.D., September 1998.

  The extreme virulence of E. Coli 0157:H7 means that we must eliminate it from food. Although the original source appears to be cattle, this organism has shown up in fresh produce as well.

humans raises issues regarding the use of antibiotics in animals.

46. A Crackdown on Bad Eggs, Amanda Spake, U.S. 160 News & World Report, July 12, 1999. The General Accounting Office estimates that hundreds of cases of salmonellosis occur yearly from eggs. New federal storage standards may help, but other problems must be addressed.



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### **Food Safety**

Nine articles discuss the safety of food. Topics include food-borne illness, pesticide residues, naturally occurring toxins, and food preservatives.



### **Health Claims**

Ten articles examine some of the health claims made by today's "specialists." Topics include quacks, fad diets, and nutrition myths and misinformation.

47.	Irradiation: A Safe Measure for Safer Food, John	16				
	Henkel, FDA Consumer, May/June 1998.					
	Increased concern about the safety of food has resulted in FDA					
	approval of irradiation for red meat. Over a period of 40 years,					
	the FDA has found irradiation to be a safe and effective process					
	and allows its use with a variety of other food products					

48	Questions Keep Sprouting about Sprouts, Paula	4
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	Kurtzweil, FDA Consumer, January/February 1999.	
	Increasingly, food-borne illness is linked to eating various kinds	
	of sprouts. The seeds appear to be the source of the bacteria,	
	making the solution difficult.	

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- 49. Twenty-Five Ways to Spot Quacks and Vitamin Pushers, Stephen Barrett and Victor Herbert, Quackwatch, August 21, 1999.
  Irresponsible promoters of practices and gimmicks that are either useless or harmful abound. The savvy consumer will find
- Useful clues in this article that will help identify such promoters.
  50. Yet Another Study—Should You Pay Attention? Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, September 1998. A person reading reports of current health research will know that the evidence presented is often frightening and so contradictory that finding truth is difficult. However, knowing what different types of studies are capable of proving is key.
- 51. Alternative Medicine—The Risks of Untested and Unregulated Remedies, Marcia Angell and Jerome P. Kassirer, The New England Journal of Medicine, September 17, 1998.

  Many alternative therapies are closely connected to nutrition in that they include the use of herbals and other dietary remedies. These therapies have simultaneously become both more popular and more controversial.
- 52. The Mouse That Roared: Health Scares on the Internet, Food Insight, May/June 1999.
  Like information elsewhere, some Internet sources are reliable, and some initiate and promote myths that aren't always obvious.
  Learning how to choose sites is the first step in protection.
- 53. Uprooting Herbal Myths, Consumer Reports on Health, October 1998.
  Myths and misconceptions about herbs are common. Chemicals in herbs act as drugs, some of which help while others actually do harm. Their sale and use is unrequiated.
- 54. Herbal Weight Loss Tea: Beware the Unknown Brew, Healthy Weight Journal, November/December 1998. Teas touted to promote weight loss can produce risky electrolyte imbalances, even causing death. This is another example of "let the buyer beware."
- 55. 5 Nutrition Topics That Are Not All They're Cracked Up to Be, Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, Special Supplement, 1999.
  Separating hype from fact on five popular topics is the purpose of this article. Even the fear of dehydration has found a large following.
- large following.

  56. Pyruvate: Just the Facts, Joseph P. Cannon, Nutrition
  Forum, September/October 1998.
  Although pyruvate studies have been published in reputable journals, potential users should first know the inside story. The supportive evidence is sketchy and provided primarily by one researcher.

57.	Are Health Food Stores Better Bets than Traditional Supermarkets? Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter, May 1999.  To many consumers it is logical to assume that the most wholesome foods are the organic produce and food supplements available in health food stores. Check again; it may not be true, and the "nutrition expert" on board may not be very knowledgeable either.	200
58.	The Unethical Behavior of Pharmacists, Stephen Barrett, Nutrition Forum, January/February 1998.  Pharmacists generally avoid the ethical dilemma that pits selling products to make a profit against selling unproven herbals, homeopathic remedies, and excessive supplements. By ignoring their obligation recommend and dispense such products responsibly, pharmacists contribute to misuse.	203
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	ture Report Showing Worldwide Number of Hungry People Rising Slightly, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, 1998.  Although progress has been made in reducing hunger and malnutrition in developing countries, the numbers of undernourished and hungry people continue to escalate. The failure to reduce poverty is the primary cause. Rapidly expanding cities are of special concern for the future.	
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Five articles discuss the world's food supply. Topics include global malnutrition, water quality, agriculture, and famine.

What happened to the lk in Africa illustrates how far-reaching the effects of starvation can be. Appalling as it seems, humanity erodes into mere survival, and acts of cruelty and unconcern become the norm.

62. How to Measure Malnutrition, Healthy Weight Jour-

nal, September/October 1998.

Standards for measuring starvation using body mass index (BMI) and guidelines for assessing protein-calorie malnutrition are provided.

63. Hunger and Food Insecurity, Katherine L. Cason, Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences, Volume 91, Number 1, 1999.

Problems of poverty, hunger, and food insecurity have not been resolved in the United States. Victims from all ages and ethnic groups fail to grow, are anemic, or risk diseases. They become hostile and insecure. The purposes and resources of federal nutrition programs are identified, and recommendations are made.

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The relevant Web sites, which are numbered and annotated on pages 4 and 5, are easily identified by the Web icon ( ) under the topic articles. By linking the articles and the Web sites by topic, this ANNUAL EDITIONS reader becomes a powerful learning and research tool.

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The following World Wide Web sites have been carefully researched and selected to support the articles found in this reader. If you are interested in learning more about specific topics found in this book, these Web sites are a good place to start. The sites are cross-referenced by number and appear in the topic guide on the previous two pages. Also, you can link to these Web sites through our DUSHKIN ONLINE support site at http://www.dushkin.com/online/.

The following sites were available at the time of publication. Visit our Web site—we update DUSHKIN ONLINE regularly to reflect any changes.

### **General Sources**

### 1. American Dietetic Association

http://www.eatright.org

This consumer link to nutrition and health includes resources, news, marketplace, search for a dietician, government information, and a gateway to related sites. The site includes a tip of the day and special features.

### 2. The Blonz Guide to Nutrition

http://www.blonz.com

The categories in this valuable site report news in the fields of nutrition, food science, foods, fitness, and health. There is also a selection of search engines and links.

### 3. Food Marketing Institute

http://www.fmi.org

FMI, a nonprofit association of grocery retailers, is committed to maintaining and improving a system of distribution of grocery products that is responsive to the changing needs and wants of customers.

### 4. Institute of Food Technologists

http://www.ift.org

This site of the Society for Food Science and Technology is full of important information and news about every aspect of the food products that come to market.

### 5. International Food Information Council Foundation

http://ificinfo.health.org

IFIC's purpose is to be the link between science and communications by offering the latest scientific information on food safety, nutrition, and health in a form that is understandable and useful for opinion leaders and consumers to access.

### 6. U.S. National Institutes of Health

http://www.nih.gov

Consult this site for links to extensive health information and scientific resources. Comprised of 24 separate institutes, centers, and divisions, the NIH is one of eight health agencies of the Public Health Service, which, in turn, is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### Trends Today and Tomorrow

### 7. Food Science and Human Nutrition Extension

http://www.exnet.iastate.edu/Pages/families/fshn/ This extensive Iowa State University site links to latest news and reports, consumer publications, food safety information, and many other useful nutrition-related sites.

### 8. Food Surveys Research Group

http://www.barc.usda.gov/bhnrc/foodsurvey/home.htm Visit this site of Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center Food Surveys research group first, and then click on USDA to keep up with nutritional news and information.

### 9. U.S. Food and Drug Administration

http://www.fda.gov/default.htm

This is the home page of the FDA, which describes itself as the United States' "foremost consumer protection agency." Visit this site and its links to learn about food safety, food and nutrition labeling, and other topics of importance.

### **Nutrients**

### 10. Dole 5 A Day: Nutrition, Fruits & Vegetables

http://www.dole5aday.com

The Dole Food Company, a founding member of the National 5 A Day for Better Health Program, offers this site that is designed to entice children into taking an interest in proper nutrition.

### 11. Food and Nutrition Information Center

http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/

Use this site to find dietary and nutrition information provided by various USDA agencies and to find links to food and nutrition resources on the Internet.

### 12. Nutrient Data Laboratory

http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/

This USDA Agricultural Research Service site provides information about the USDA Nutrient Database. Search here for answers to FAQs, a glossary of terms, facts about food composition, and useful links.

### 13. U.S. National Library of Medicine

http://www.nlm.nih.gov

This huge site permits you to search a number of databases and electronic information sources such as MEDLINE, learn about research projects, keep up on nutrition-related news, and peruse the national network of medical libraries.

### Through the Life Span: Diet and Disease

### 14. American Cancer Society

http://www.cancer.org/frames.html

Open this site and its various links to learn the concerns and lifestyle advice of the American Cancer Society. It provides information on tobacco, alternative therapies, other Web resources, and more.

### 15. American Heart Association

http://www.americanheart.org

The AHA offers this site to provide the most comprehensive information on heart disease and stroke as well as latebreaking news. The site presents facts on warning signs, a reference guide, and explanations of diseases and treatments.

### 16. The Food Allergy Network

http://www.foodallergy.org

This site, which welcomes consumers, health professionals, and reporters, includes product alerts and updates, information about food allergies, daily tips, and links to other sites.

### 17. Go Ask Alice! from Columbia University **Health Services**

http://www.goaskalice.columbia.edu

This interactive site provides discussion and insight into a number of issues of interest to college-age people and those younger and older. Many questions about physical and emoThis informative site leads to other sites that will tell you everything you might want to know about food safety and what government agencies are doing to ensure it.

29. Food Safety Information from North Carolina http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/foodsci/agentinfo/
This site from the Cooperative Extension Service at North Carolina State University has a database designed to promote food safety education via the Internet.

30. Food Safety Project
http://www.exnet.iastate.edu/Pages/families/fs/

tricians and nutritionists.

19. LaLeche League International

formation and meal-planning guides for parents and

18. Heinz Infant & Toddler Nutrition

http://www.lalecheleague.org
This site provides important information to mothers who are contemplating breast feeding. There are links to other sites.

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This site includes an educational section full of nutritional in-

caregivers, as well as articles and reviews by leading pedia-

### 20. National Osteoporosis Foundation

http://www.nof.org

and other drugs are answered.

http://www.heinzbaby.com

The NOF has a mission of reducing the widespread prevalence of osteoporosis. It contains information about causes, prevention, detection, and treatment.

### 21. Nutrition for Kids: 24 Carrot Press

http://www.nutritionforkids.com

This Web site of 24 Carrot Press publishes material that takes a positive, fun approach to the more serious issues that affect children, including poor eating habits, obesity, and inactivity. Their site includes How to Teach Nutrition to Kids, Activity Guide, stickers, Feeding Kids Newsletter, and links.

### 22. Vegetarian Resource Group

http://www.vrg.org

The VRG offers information on everything of interest to vegans, vegetarians, and others.

### **Fat and Weight Control**

### 23. American Anorexia Bulimia Association

http://www.aabainc.org/home.html

The AABA is a nonprofit organization of concerned people dedicated to the prevention and treatment of eating disorders. It offers many services, including help lines, referral networks, school outreach, support groups, and prevention programs.

### 24. Calorie Control Council

http://www.caloriecontrol.org

The Calorie Control Council's Web site offers information on cutting calories, achieving and maintaining healthy weight, and low-calorie, reduced-fat foods and beverages.

### 25. Eating Disorders: Body Image Betrayal

http://www.geocities.com/HotSprings/5704/edlist.htm
This extensive collection of links leads to information on compulsive eating, bulimia, anorexia, and other disorders.

### 26. Shape Up America!

http://www.shapeup.org

At the Shape Up America! Web site you will find the latest information about safe weight management, healthy eating, and physical fitness. Links include Support Center, Cyberkitchen, Media Center, Fitness Center, and BMI Center.

### **Food Safety**

### 27. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

http://www.cdc.gov

The CDC offers this home page, from which you can learn information about travelers' health, data and statistics related to disease control and prevention, general nutritional and health information, publications, and more.

### 28. FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov

http://www.exnet.iastate.edu/Pages/families/fs/
The goal of this project is to develop educational materials that help the public to minimize the risk of food-borne illness. The site contains food safety lessons, 10 steps to a safe kitchen, consumer control points, and food law.

### 31. USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service

http://www.fsis.usda.gov

The FSIS, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is the government agency "responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged."

### **Health Claims**

### 32. Diet, Health & Fitness

http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menu-health.htm
This site of the Federal Trade Commission on the Web offers consumer education rules and acts, which include a wide range of subjects, from aging parents, to buying exercise equipment, to fraudulent health claims, to virtual health "treatments."

### 33. National Council against Health Fraud

http://www.ncahf.org

The NCAHF does business as the National Council for Reliable Health Information. At its Web page it offers links to other related sites, including Dr. Terry Polevoy's "Healthwatcher Net."

### 34. QuackWatch

http://www.quackwatch.com

Quackwatch Inc., a nonprofit corporation, provides this consumer guide to examine health fraud. Data for intelligent decision making on health topics are also presented.

### World Hunger and Malnutrition

### 35. Population Reference Bureau

http://www.prb.org

This is a key source for global population information—a good place to pursue data on nutrition problems worldwide.

### 36. World Health Organization

http://www.who.ch

This home page of the World Health Organization will provide you with links to a wealth of statistical and analytical information about health and nutrition around the world.

### 37. WWW Virtual Library: Demography & Population Studies

http://demography.anu.edu.au/VirtualLibrary/ A multitude of important links to information about global poverty and hunger can be found here.

We highly recommend that you review our Web site for expanded information and our other product lines. We are continually updating and adding links to our Web site in order to offer you the most usable and useful information that will support and expand the value of your Annual Editions. You can reach us at: http://www.dushkin.com/annualeditions/.

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### **Unit Selections**

- 1. Millennium: Food and Nutrition, Jack Raso
- 2. Nutrient Requirements Get a Makeover: The Evolution of the Recommended Dietary Allowances, Food Insight
- 3. Staking a Claim to Good Health, Paula Kurtzweil
- 4. Are Fruits and Vegetables Less Nutritious Today? University of California, Berkeley Wellness Letter
- 5. The Freshness Fallacy, Minna Morse
- 6. The New Foods: Functional or Dysfunctional? Consumer Reports on Health
- 7. The Curse of Frankenfood: Genetically Modified Crops Stir Up Controversy at Home and Abroad, Phillip J. Longman
- 8. Low-Calorie Sweeteners, Mayo Clinic Health Letter
- 9. It's Crunch Time for P&G's Olestra, Pamela Sherrid
- 10. Supermarket Psych-Out, Tufts University Health & Nutrition Letter

### **Key Points to Consider**

- Which of the trends and developments predicted in the article, "Millenium, Food and Nutrition," do you believe are accurate? Why?
- \* What current consumer trends in the food industry will and will not support healthier lifestyles?
- Is the philosophical change that has occurred with the change from RDAs to DRIs a good one? Defend your answer.
- What demands do you think your generation will place on the food industry two or three decades from now? Why?
- What do you see as the issues related to the use of functional foods and those produced from genetically modified crops? How would you decide whether or not to buy them?
- Take a trip to the grocery store and try to identify the extent to which you are influenced by marketing techniques.
- Does change always equal progress? Why or why not? Give examples from the nutrition field.



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- 7. Food Science and Human Nutrition Extension http://www.exnet.iastate.edu/Pages/families/fshn/
- 8. Food Surveys Research Group
  http://www.barc.usda.gov/bhnrc/foodsurvey/home.htm
- U.S. Food and Drug Administration http://www.fda.gov/default.htm

These sites are annotated on pages 4 and 5.