

Why can't I get all the nutrients I need from my food?

Food & Herbs As Medicine: From research in the field of nutrigenomics, that food "talks" to our DNA switching on or off genes that lead to health or disease. What we eat programs our body with messages of health or illness

Dr. David Rosenberg M.D "In an ideal world that would be true. And there are some areas in the world where you can get it. But we know for the last 50 years at least that our fruit and vegetables are not equivalent to what they were 50 years ago (at least in this country) because of the effect of the soil's depletion of nutrients. So we now can measure whether what you're doing on a daily basis nutritionally is sound and whether you need a supplement."

Dr David Feld M.D. "And the other reason is people's lifestyles don't permit it. People are in a rush. They're not stopping to eat what they need to eat and prepare things ahead, so they don't eat fast food and just not getting the nutrients in those foods."

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES – DECLINE IN NUTRIENTS

Minerals and vitamins mg per 100 gram		1985	1996	2002	Differences	
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Broccoli	Calcium	103	33	28	-68%	-73%
	Folic acid	47	23	18	-52%	-62%
	Magnesium	24	18	11	-25%	-55%
Peas	Calcium	56	34	22	-38%	-51%
	Folic acid	39	34	30	-12%	-23%
	Magnesium	26	22	18	-15%	-31%
	Vitamin B6	140	55	32	-61%	-77%
Potatoes	Calcium	14	4	3	-70%	-78%
	Magnesium	27	18	14	-33%	-48%
Carrots	Calcium	37	31	28	-17%	-24%
	Magnesium	21	9	6	-57%	-75%
Spinach	Magnesium	62	19	15	-68%	-76%
	Vitamin C	51	21	18	-58%	-65%
Bananas	Calcium	8	7	7	-12%	-12%
	Folic acid	23	3	5	-84%	-79%
	Magnesium	31	27	24	-13%	-23%
	Vitamin B6	330	22	18	-92%	-95%
Strawberries	Calcium	21	18	12	-14%	-43%
	Vitamin C	39	13	8	-67%	-87%

Causes: Soil losing nutrients, pollution, changes in cultivation, increased distance of transportation and duration of storage

Sources: 1985 and 1996, Laboratoire Pharmaceutique Geicy, Switzerland. 2002, Laboratory of Nutrition, Karsruhe/Oberthal



