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New! Choose My Plate from USDA

The new Choose My Plate logo and guidelines were released on June 2, 2011. The new plate replaces the old food pyramid, and provides practical guidance to assist consumers in choosing healthy foods at each meal using a picture of a plate divided into food servings. The focus is on vegetables and fruits, with whole grains, lean protein, and dairy on the side.

[USDA Press Release](#)

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[Recipes for New Choose My Plate: Story and Video from ABC News](#)



USDA Revises Recommended Cooking Temperature for All Whole Cuts of Meat

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is updating its recommendation for safely cooking pork, steaks, roasts, and chops. USDA recommends cooking all whole cuts of meat to 145 °F as measured with a food thermometer placed in the thickest part of the meat, then allowing the meat to rest for three minutes before carving or consuming.

[Read the entire release](#)

Enteral Nutrition for Older Adults in Nursing Facilities

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MDS 3.0 RAI Manual V1.05 Update, June 2, 2011

MDS 3.0 RAI Manual May 25, 2011 (a zip file contains 58 files). This zip file is the complete manual...Files containing revisions in this V1.05 release include: Title Page, Table of Contents, Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Chapter 3 (Introduction, Sections: A, B, D, F, G, I, J, K, M, N, O, and Q), Chapter 5, Chapter 6 and Appendices (A, B, C, E, and H). Note that files from earlier versions (e.g., V1.04 September 2010) are contained in the manual but do not have an associated change table file.

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Tip Sheet from USDA: Cooking Safely in the Microwave Oven

Microwave ovens can play an important role at mealtime, but special care must be taken when cooking or reheating meat, poultry, fish, and eggs to make sure they are prepared safely. Microwave ovens can cook unevenly and leave “cold spots,” where harmful bacteria can survive. For this reason, it is important to use the following safe microwaving tips to prevent foodborne illness.

[Read these microwave cooking tips](#)



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