Often overshadowed in other months of the year, citrus fruits get their time to shine during the otherwise dark days of winter. Hitting their peak season in the late fall through the spring, citrus such as mandarins and oranges are packed full of vitamins and nutrients and will undoubtedly add color, freshness and flavor to meals and snacks.

Well known for their high Vitamin C content, orange citruses are great for fighting off winter colds. But don’t think these citrus powerhouses are limited to fighting viruses! They are also rich in Vitamin A, flavonoids, antioxidants, calcium, magnesium, potassium, and dietary fiber.

Handling and Storage

Oranges, Clementines, and Tangerines will stay fresh for a couple of days at room temperature but will last 1 to 2 weeks under refrigeration. Use the following tips to keep your citrus fresher longer:

- Keep fresh citrus in a cool, well-ventilated area. For best results place tangerines in the walk-in, in a plastic bag or covered container.
- Keep cartons on pallets off the floor for better air circulation.
- The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that produce be washed under clean running tap water before eating.
- Washing helps remove microorganisms and dirt. Detergent should not be used because it is not labeled for food use.
- The best temperature range for citrus storage is 45° to 48° F. For specific temperature range by citrus variety, use the guide to the right:

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Ask your sales rep for more information!
A variety of mandarin orange that was named in 1902, you may also know them as Cuties. Great for kids and adults alike because of their easy to peel ‘zipper skin’.

Also Known As: Seedless tangerine

Available: Mid-November through January

Appearance: Small, with a deep orange exterior that has a glossy appearance

Qualities: Easy to peel and almost always seedless. Clementines are sweet, with less acid than oranges, and are perfect for eating out of hand.

Origin: Morocco and Spain

1 Pound = 3.68 whole, raw clementines (about 1/2 cup fruit)
1 pound = 7.65—1/4 cup servings peeled, sectioned raw fruit
(about 3 sections)
1 lb AP = .80 lb (about 1-7/8 cups) ready-to-serve sections

Closely related to the mandarin orange, the tangerine has been cultivated for over 3,000 years.

Available: October to April

Appearance: Smaller than most oranges, slightly soft, pebbly-skinned, and orange in color

Qualities: Tangerines are easy to peel and split into segments, but often have seeds (though the number varies from fruit to fruit). They’re less tart and sweeter than oranges, and are good for eating out of hand.

Origin: China

1 pound = 4 whole, raw tangerines (about 3/8 cup fruit each)
1 pound = 7.78 1/4 cup peeled fruit sections
1 lb AP = .80 (about 1-7/8 cups) ready to serve peeled sections

While many varieties are available, the most common are navel oranges and Valencia oranges. With complementary peak seasons, fresh oranges are available any time of the year.

Available: Year-round

Qualities: Traditional oranges have thicker skins than their seasonal counterparts. Their sweet interior is best suited for eating raw or juiced.

Origin: Southeast Asia

For 113 count:
1 pound = 2.80 oranges (about 5/8 cup each)
1 pound = 5.60—1/4 cup servings

For 138 count:
1 pound = 3.4 oranges (about 1/2 cup each)
1 pound = 6.80—1/4 cup servings
**Peeling and Handling**

**The "Basketball" Peeling Method**
Slice off the stem end of the fruit. Without cutting into the "meat" of the fruit, score the peel into quarters like a basketball. Pull the peel away with your fingers.

**The "Round and Round" Peeling Method**
Using a slightly sawing motion, cut only the outer colored peel away in a continuous spiral, leaving the white membrane. Cutting lengthwise with curve of fruit, remove the white membrane.

**Citrus Segments**
Peel and gently separate the fruit along the natural divisions.

**Citrus Sections**
With knife, peel the orange. Working over a bowl to reserve the juice, cut along both sides of each dividing membrane and lift out sections from center.

**Bite-sized pieces**
Cut a peeled orange in half lengthwise and, with a shallow "V" shape cut, remove the white center core. Place the halves cut-side-down; cut lengthwise and crosswise.

**Basic Wheel Slices**
Cut a thin slice from both ends of peeled or unpeeled fruit. Then slice the fruit crosswise into the desired thickness. Cut cartwheels in half for half-cartwheel slices.

**Unpeeled Smiles or Wedges**
For easy-to-eat orange "smiles," cut the fruit in half crosswise; then cut 3 or 4 wedges from each half.
For traditional wedges, cut the fruit in half lengthwise; then cut each half into wedge
Packed with vitamin C and popping with color, pick any of these great ways to incorporate nutritious oranges, clementines and tangerines into your meals and snacks.

A Fruit-FULL Dessert! Add peeled, sliced oranges and grapefruit, orange marmalade, and vanilla extract. Serve topped with low fat lemon yogurt and shredded coconut.

Try an Asian-Inspired Chicken Wrap. Sauté chicken, bell peppers, onion, garlic, and ginger in a little lemon juice, brown sugar, sesame oil, and soy sauce. Stir in chopped orange pieces and serve wrapped in iceberg lettuce leaves.

Make fruit kebobs! Add peeled citrus wedges, strawberries, cantaloupe, grapes, bananas, and pineapple onto a wooden stick. Dip kebobs in chocolate pudding or low fat fruit yogurt and enjoy.

Spice Up Your Fruit Salad. Be sure to include oranges in your next fruit salad. Try a spicy or sweet recipe.

Warm Your Day. Top your favorite cereal or oatmeal with citrus slices, nuts, and other dried fruits.

Mix it in. Add tangerine segments to coleslaw or tuna salad for a delicious colorful flavor treat.

Add to Salad. Add orange slices, strawberries, and walnuts onto a bed of favorite greens for a salad that’s sure to please.

Perfect Parfait. Layer low-fat granola, low-fat vanilla yogurt, clementines and other favorite fruits for a quick breakfast or healthy dessert.

Tangerines make "dipping" fun. Dip segments in chocolate sauce or flavored low fat yogurt.

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### Nutrition Facts

**Orange**

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**Tangerine**

**Clementine**

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**Fruit Tangerine Tip**: When using whole tangerine segments in salads, desserts and other dishes, remove any seeds by snipping the center of the segment and gently squeezing.
Heartwarming Oatmeal w/ Fruit and Nuts

A great way to begin your day!

This is a Fruits & Veggies—More Matters® recipes. It meets the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s strict nutrition guidelines as a healthy recipe.

Category: Main Dishes  Serves: 2
Cups of Fruits and Vegetables per Serving: 1

Ingredients:
¾ cup pink grapefruit juice
¾ cup water
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup old fashioned oats
1 tablespoon and 1 teaspoon brown sugar, firmly packed
2 seedless oranges or tangerines, sectioned, chopped
4 dates (2 tablespoons), chopped
1 tablespoon almonds, slivered

Directions:
In a medium saucepan, combine grapefruit juice, water, cinnamon, and salt; bring to a boil over HIGH heat. Stir in the oats and reduce the heat to MEDIUM-LOW. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally; remove from heat. Cover the oatmeal and let stand for 8 minutes, or until desired consistency is reached (it will continue to thicken as it stands). Stir in brown sugar. Spoon the oatmeal into bowls and top with oranges, dates and almonds.

Each serving provides:  An excellent source of vitamin C, magnesium and fiber and a good source of vitamin A, folate, calcium and potassium.

Nutritional Information per Serving
Calories: 276  Carbohydrates: 59g
Total Fat: 3.8g  Cholesterol: 0mg
Saturated Fat: 0.4g  Dietary Fiber: 7g
% of Calories from Fat: 11%  Sodium: 152mg
Protein: 6g

Healthy Fruit Salad

This is a Fruits & Veggies—More Matters™ recipes. It meets the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s strict nutrition guidelines as a healthy recipe.

Serves: 2

Ingredients:
1 Mango
1 Banana
1 cup Strawberries
1 Orange
¼ tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. lime juice
1 tsp of honey

Directions:
Mix. Serve chilled topped with low fat yogurt.

Nutritional Information per Serving
Calories: 190  Carbohydrates: 48g
Total Fat: 1g  Cholesterol: 0mg
Saturated Fat: 0g  Dietary Fiber: 7g
% of Calories from Fat: 10%  Sodium: 5mg
Protein: 2g

Easy Fruit Salad

Ingredients:
1 can fruit cocktail (16 ounce, drained)
2 bananas (sliced)
2 oranges (cut into bite-size pieces)
2 apples (cut into bite-size pieces)
8 ounces yogurt, lowfat pina colada

Directions:
Combine fruit and yogurt; mix well. Chill in refrigerator before serving. Makes 14-1/2 cup servings.

Source: University of California, Cooperative Extension Fresno County, Easy and Nutritious Family Recipes, p.3

Nutritional Information per Serving
Calories: 70  Carbohydrates: 17g
Total Fat: 0g  Cholesterol: 0mg
Saturated Fat: 0g  Dietary Fiber: 2g
% of Calories from Fat: 0%  Sodium: 10mg
Protein: 1g