PEPPERS



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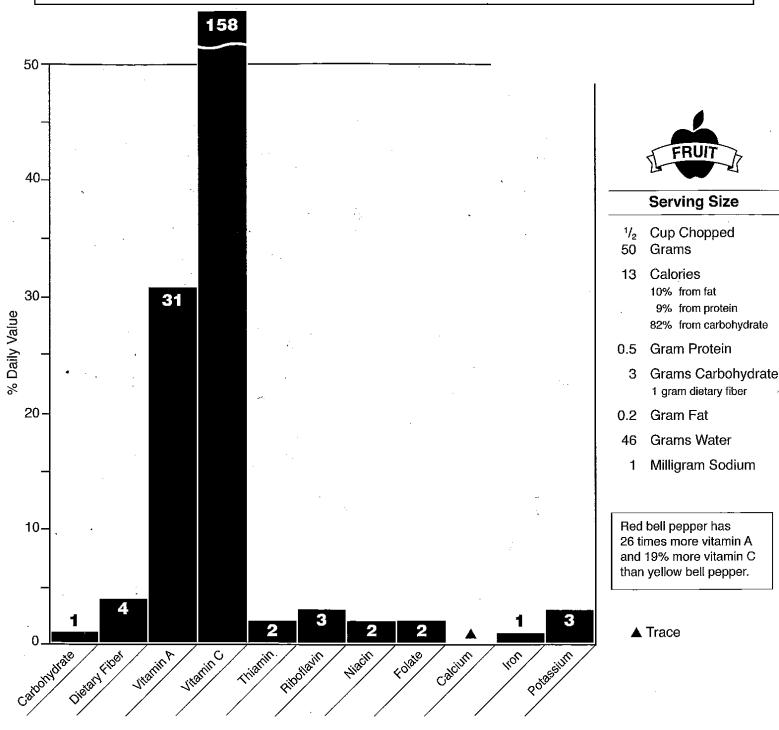
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FUN FACTS:

- There are 2 pepper categories: Sweet Peppers (mild taste) and Chili Peppers (hot and spicy).
- California and Florida grow over 75% of the bell peppers in the United States.
- · The ghost pepper is one of the world's hottest chili peppers.
- Bell peppers, by weight, have twice as much Vitamin C than citrus fruits.

Red and Yellow Bell Pepper Nutrition Facts



From California Department of Education, 2007

Peppers contain <u>Vitamin C</u> to help heal your cuts & <u>Vitamin A</u> for eye health.

Southwestern Pepper Cups

Ingredients

- 5 red or yellow bell peppers, medium, halved and seeded
- 1/3 cup onion, chopped
- 3 cups rice, cooked
- 1 can tomatoes with chilies, $10^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ounces, diced, undrained
- 1 can whole kernel corn, 8 ½ ounces, drained
- Vegetable cooking spray
- 1/3 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

Directions

- 1. Boil a pot of water and add peppers for 2-3 minutes. Drain. Set aside.
- 2. Heat oil in medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and cook for 3 minutes.
- 3. Combine rice, tomatoes with chilies, corn, and cooked onion/garlic mixture. Mix well.
- 4. Spoon mixture into pepper halves. Place peppers on baking sheet coated with cooking spray.
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