#### Akron Children's Hospital Education and Wellness Garden



# Yellow/Orange Fruits and Vegetables

## What is the **yellow/orange** color in fruits and vegetables?

The yellow pigment is from **xanthophylls**, part of the carotenoid class of phytochemicals. Lutein and zeaxanthin are two examples. Yellow vegetables are also a good source of **Vitamin C**.

#### Why is it important?

The yellow pigments are associated with a lower risk of depressive symptoms and may lower risk for cancer and type 2 diabetes. Yellow vegetables are good for your heart and eyes.

### What fruits and vegetables are **yellow/orange**?

Acorn squash Apples Apricots Cantaloupe Grapefruit Lemons Mangoes Nectarines Oranges Pineapples Peaches Potatoes Pumpkin Rutabaga Sweet corn Tomatoes Tangerines Wax beans Yams Yellow beets Yellow carrots Yellow cherries Yellow peppers Yellow squash





