# **LEAN ON PROTEIN:**SUPPORTING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT

Protein is an essential macronutrient made up of amino acids that plays an important role in weight management.<sup>1</sup> Choose nutrient-dense, protein-rich foods that can help you support your weight management goals.



## **HOW CAN PROTEIN HELP SUPPORT YOUR GOALS?**



## Helps you feel full

Including high-protein foods at each meal can help with feeling full, and may help naturally support balanced food choices throughout the day.<sup>2</sup>



## Helps maintain muscle

Protein helps with maintaining muscle mass which is important for aging and keeping up with an active lifestyle. Having more muscle may also assist with weight maintenance.<sup>3,4</sup>

## **CONVENIENT PROTEIN PICKS FOR YOUR DAY**

Optimal protein intake for weight management varies from person to person, depending on individual needs and other factors.<sup>5</sup> If you are looking for nutrient-dense, convenient ways to help you manage your weight, aim for a variety of protein sources throughout the day – including the variety of these protein forward, tasty, and convenient options.





Caramel Nut Bar









## **HOW TO HELP HIT YOUR PROTEIN GOALS**

### Incorporate at least 1 source of protein at every meal.

- Breakfast: Cheerios™ Protein Cereal or Nature Valley™ Protein Granola paired with low-fat milk or yogurt and fruit
- Lunch: Pair Annie's™ Super Mac with a side of vegetables for a quick, easy lunch
- Dinner: Add a side salad and a slice of whole-grain toast alongside a bowl of Progresso<sup>™</sup>
  Protein soup as part of a nutrient dense meal to end the day



### Pick protein-based snacks.

Nature Valley<sup>™</sup> Protein Creamy bars, low-fat cottage cheese, or a handful of nuts. Add a side of fiber, like an apple or a handful of baby carrots to help keep you powering through your day

#### **Prioritize nutrient-dense foods.**

Choose nutrient-dense foods that offer multiple beneficial nutrients in addition to protein, such as healthy fats, fiber, vitamins and minerals like colorful fruits and vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and low-fat dairy products





#### Mix it up.

Incorporate a variety of protein sources that fit your taste and cooking preferences to help you stay consistent and keep your meals and snacks interesting!

## Find protein foods that fit your lifestyle from trusted brands that offer a variety of options:











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