

# Bell Peppers



# What is in it for you?

½ cup bell pepper is:

- An excellent source of vitamin A & vitamin C
- A good source of vitamin B6, which helps your body build healthy blood cells

# **Produce Tips**

- Look for firm peppers that have a thick, shiny, smooth skin and green stems.
- Store whole peppers in a sealed plastic bag in the refrigerator for up to one week.
- Wrap cut peppers in plastic and store in the refrigerator for up to three days.

## **Serving Ideas**

- Pack pepper strips and dip for lunch
- Sauté, grill or roast pepper slices with your favorite seasonings for an easy side dish
- Add peppers to
  - Egg dishes
  - Pasta dishes
  - Pizza
  - Quesadillas
  - Rice or couscous

### **Fun Facts**

- Columbus discovered peppers in the West Indies and mistook them for spices. He brought them to Europe where they spread throughout Europe, Africa and Asia.
- By weight, green bell peppers have twice as much vitamin C as citrus fruit. Red bell peppers have three times as much!

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