Serving Size Misconceptions

Many underestimate the amount of food eaten and overestimate the recommended portion sizes

Amount of food you choose to eat for meals or snacks Portion: Amount of food experts recommend you eat Serving:

Fruits and egetables

The USDA recommends:

• Eating at least 8-10 servings (half of your plate) of fruits and vegetables daily as part of a 2,000 calorie diet.



2 in 10 reported eating fruits and vegetables ≥ 5 times daily (CDC, 2009)

Visualize a serving size with these everyday items



1/2 Cup of Fruit (chopped, fresh or canned)





Mouse



1 Cup of Leafy Vegetables (lettuce, spinach)



Baseball

1/4 Cup Raisins

Egg





Source: CDC, 2009 report on fruit and vegetable consumption For more information on daily number of servings for each calorie group check: www.cnpp.usda.gov/sites/default/files/dietary_quidelines_for_americans/PolicyDoc.pdf and www.choosemyplate.gov



