Meatless Monday

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Free Tools and Resources for Food Service Businesses

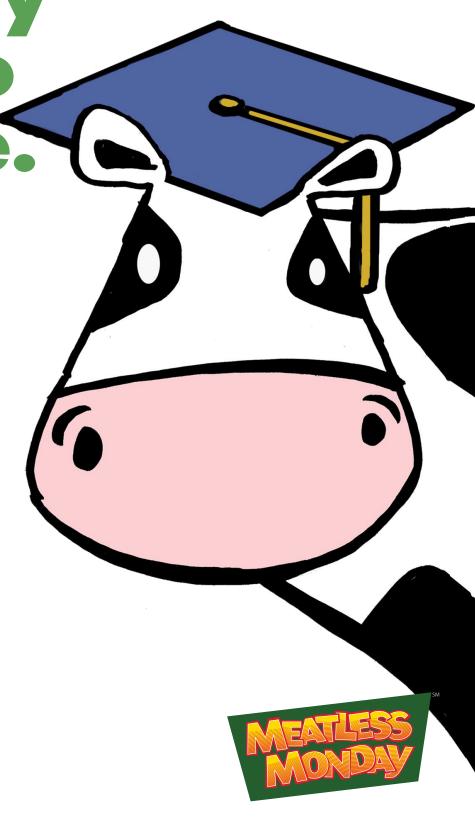


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A Quick Taste of Meatless Monday

WHAT IS MEATLESS MONDAY?

It's an international movement focused on reducing meat consumption by 15% in order to mitigate health risks and reduce the strain on natural resources. Meatless Monday is a nonprofit initiative of The Monday Campaigns, in association with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

WHY MEATLESS?

Going meatless one day a week can reduce the risk of chronic preventable conditions like cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and obesity. It can also reduce the strain on natural resources used in meat production like energy, fresh water, and fossil fuels.

WHY MONDAY?

Research shows that regular health reminders support habit change and that Monday is statistically the best day to begin making a change for the better. Starting the week with a healthy choice makes it easier to make healthy choices for the rest of the week.

IT'S ALL ABOUT CHOICE

Meatless Monday is a campaign about adding options, not taking them away. The program encourages offering meat-free options wherever possible. Also, businesses that offer choices to their customers tend to have greater success.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

The movement unites a growing global network of businesses, organizations, and communities. By connecting with this network, your business can develop a reputation as a wellness-focused enterprise while reaching new clients interested in healthy eating.



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What Can Meatless Monday do for Your Business?

- Promote your meatless offerings as part of a popular global movement. Meatless Monday is a global movement, with celebrities and chefs touting the importance of eating meat-free once a week. Promote your participation to drum up new business.
- Feature your existing meatless offerings. Meatless options can sometimes be overlooked in a menu or a sales pitch. Highlight the meatless meals, sides and snacks you already offer by making those products Meatless Monday specials.
- Show clients that Meatless Monday is about highlighting choice and variety. A meat-free menu is an option clients can take advantage of in addition to your many other offers. Remind them that there's no need to take meat off the menu!
- Support current clients interested in wellness and the environment. Keep clients interested in your business and strengthen your partnership by helping them explore health initiatives and embrace projects like Meatless Monday.
- Reach new clients interested in offering meatless options or being part of the movement. Adding Meatless Monday to your programs could connect you to new clients specifically interested in meat-free eating and reducing health risks.
- Meatless dishes are often cheaper and easier to prepare.
 - Low costs also mean you can offer attractive discounts and specials without breaking the bank. You can even use Monday to highlight new local or seasonal meatless dishes.
- Show you care. Obesity and chronic preventable diseases are on the rise, as are concerns about the environmental impact of what we eat. Meatless Monday addresses both of these issues, making food service businesses part of the solution.





LOOK WHO'S GOING MEATLESS!

Celebrity chef Mario Batali announced that most of his 14 U.S. restaurants would offer weekly Meatless Monday specials.

"The fact is, most people in the U.S. eat way more meat than is good for them or the planet. Asking everyone to go vegetarian or vegan isn't a realistic or attainable goal. But we can focus on a more plant-based diet. That's why I'm such a big believer in the Meatless Monday movement!"

- Chef Mario Batali

Food Service Business Sodexo North America launched a Meatless Monday campaign in 2011 in more than 900 hospitals, later expanding the program to include more than 2,000 corporate and government clients.

"Meatless Mondays have been a hit...Our sales skyrocketed."

-Tracey Riddle, Sodexo general manager, Toyota, Torrance, California

"Throughout the month many dishes sold out...Our trial period of Meatless Monday was so successful that we've decided to continue it throughout the year."

- Angela Harrison, Sodexo clinical nutrition manager, St. Anthony Hospital, Oklahoma

Cities and counties who've joined the movement:

- Los Angeles, CA
- Oakland, CA
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco, CA
- Santa Cruz, CA
- Aspen, CO

- Washington, DC
- Boca Raton, FL
- Baltimore, MD
- Montgomery County, MD
- Cincinnati, OH
- Philadelphia, PA

"If we do it one plate at time, one meal, one day, we are ratcheting down the impact on our environment. We start with one day a week and then, who knows, maybe we can change our habits for a lifetime."

- Ed Reyes, Los Angeles city councilman

MEATLESS MENU IDEAS

Meatless meals are a centerpiece of cultural cuisine around the world – here are just a few of the popular meals served in dining halls and cafeterias across the country:



AMERICAN

Baked beans

Baked potato (build your own with salsa, veggies, low-fat cheese & sour cream)

Chickenless Caesar salad wrap

Cottage cheese with fruit

Eggplant or zucchini casserole

Garden burgers

Grilled vegetable panini

Stuffed tomatoes or bell peppers

Three bean salad

Portobello stuffed with wild rice

Vegetable wraps

Vegetarian chili

MEDITERRANEAN

Falafel in a pita

Greek salad

Lentil soup

Sandwiches with hummus & sprouts

Spanikopita (Greek spinach pie)

Stuffed grape leaves

INDIAN

Curries to accompany rice &

vegetables

Dal (lentils served with rice &

vegetables)

Pulao (rice pilaf) with vegetable broth

Suji savory vegetable pancakes

ITALIAN

Eggplant parmesan

Panzanella (tomato salad with white

beans on Italian bread)

Pasta primavera

Ravioli stuffed with sweet potato,

butternut squash, mushroom, pumpkin,

or spinach

Risotto

Spaghetti with marinara

Spinach tortellini

Stuffed shells with spinach & low-fat

ricotta or tofu

Vegetable lasagna

Veggie meatball or eggplant subs with

low-fat mozzarella

ASIAN

Pad Thai

Sesame noodles

Szechuan tofu

Tofu & vegetable stir-fry

Vegetable fried rice (low oil)

Vegetable spring rolls (low oil)

LATIN & MEXICAN

Bean & vegetable burritos

Black or red beans with rice

Grilled tofu & veggie fajitas (build your

own)

Vegetable quesadillas

Vegetarian tacos

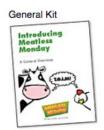
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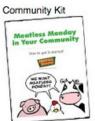
FREE RESOURCES

We've created numerous printable and digital resources to help you learn more, get started, and promote Meatless Monday to support and promote your business. Graphics, toolkits, and more are all available to download and use in your sales and promotion:

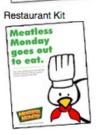
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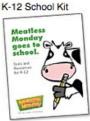
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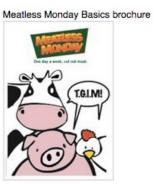


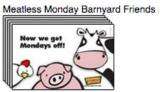




















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