## Fiber Supplement Comparisons



Not all fiber options are the same. Some supplements have synthetic fiber, like polydextrose. FiberChoice<sup>®</sup> contains inulin found in fruits and vegetables, while others contain dextrin or psyllium from wheat.<sup>1,2,3</sup> Inulin supports gut health by acting as a prebiotic, promoting healthy bacteria growth in the large intestine and may aid in weight control by increasing satiety and decreasing total energy intake.<sup>1,2</sup> To better meet fiber needs, check the label to find those that contain less added sugar and look at the ingredients to find out what type of fiber it provides.

| Product   | Serving<br>Size | Calories | Carbohydrates (g) | Sugar (g) | Dietary<br>Fiber (g) | Main Fiber<br>Source*                 |
|---|-----------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| FiberChoice®<br>Fruity Bites                                  | 2 gummies       | 10       | 5                 | 1         | 3                    | Inulin (a natural<br>vegetable fiber) |
| FiberChoice® Sugar<br>Free Assorted Fruit<br>Chewable Tablets | 2 tablets       | 15       | 7                 | -         | 3                    | Inulin (a natural<br>vegetable fiber) |
| Vitafusion® Fiber<br>Well® Gummies                            | 2 gummies       | 10       | 5                 | -         | 5                    | Polydextrose                          |
| Metamucil® Fiber<br>Capsules                                  | 6 capsules      | 10       | 3                 | -         | 3                    | Psyllium husk                         |
| Benefiber® Assorted<br>Fruit Chewables                        | 3 tablets       | 30       | 8                 | 0         | 3                    | Wheat dextrin                         |

\*Products may contain additional sources of fiber. Note: values obtained from product websites April 2013.

With 3 grams of fiber per serving, FiberChoice<sup>®</sup> provides 12% of the recommended daily value of fiber (based on a 2,000 calorie diet) with less sugar and calories per serving than many other fiber-containing products on the market.

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