



TRADITIONAL

& NATIVE

FOODS









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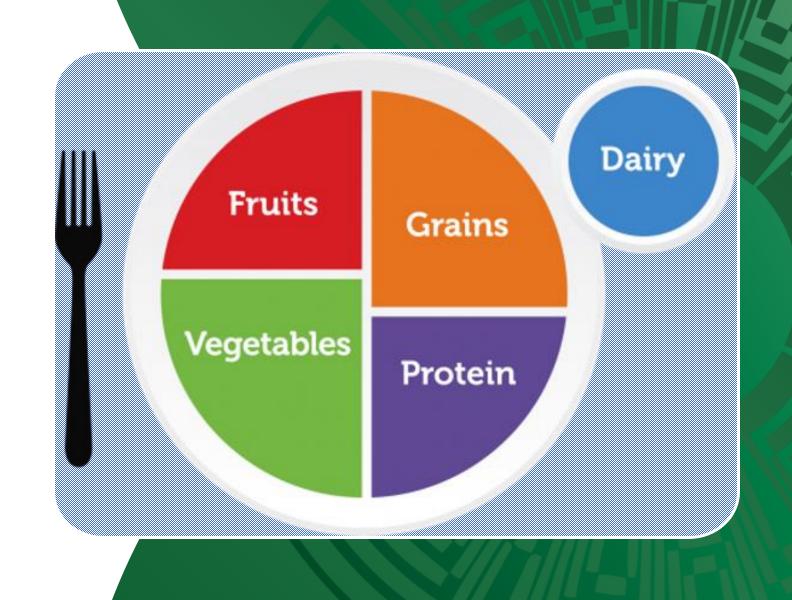
In 2011, the USDA
replaced the Food
Pyramid with MyPlate.
This icon served as
reminder for healthy
eating.



#### 2020

In 2020, the graphic was updated to reflect a color palette that presents a bolder, cleaner visual.

MyPlate.gov





#### **Grains Group**

English: Mesquite

O'odham: kui

Piipaash: 'anaaly

English: Mesquite "bean"

O'odham: viohogĭ

Piipaash: 'iiyaa





#### **Grains Group**

English: Corn

O'odham: hu:ñ

Piipaash: thadish

Commercial corn is readily available, however, most commercial corn contains higher levels of sugar.





**Grains Group** 

English: *Amaranth* O'odham: *cuhugia* Piipaash: 'akwav

Amazon 16oz Price \$5





**Grains Group** 

English: Wheat

O'odham: Pilkan

Piipaash: npee





#### **Grains Group**

English: Ironwood

O'odham: Ho'idkam

Piipaash: 'iiver / xpaly

Should be leached before consuming in large quantities.



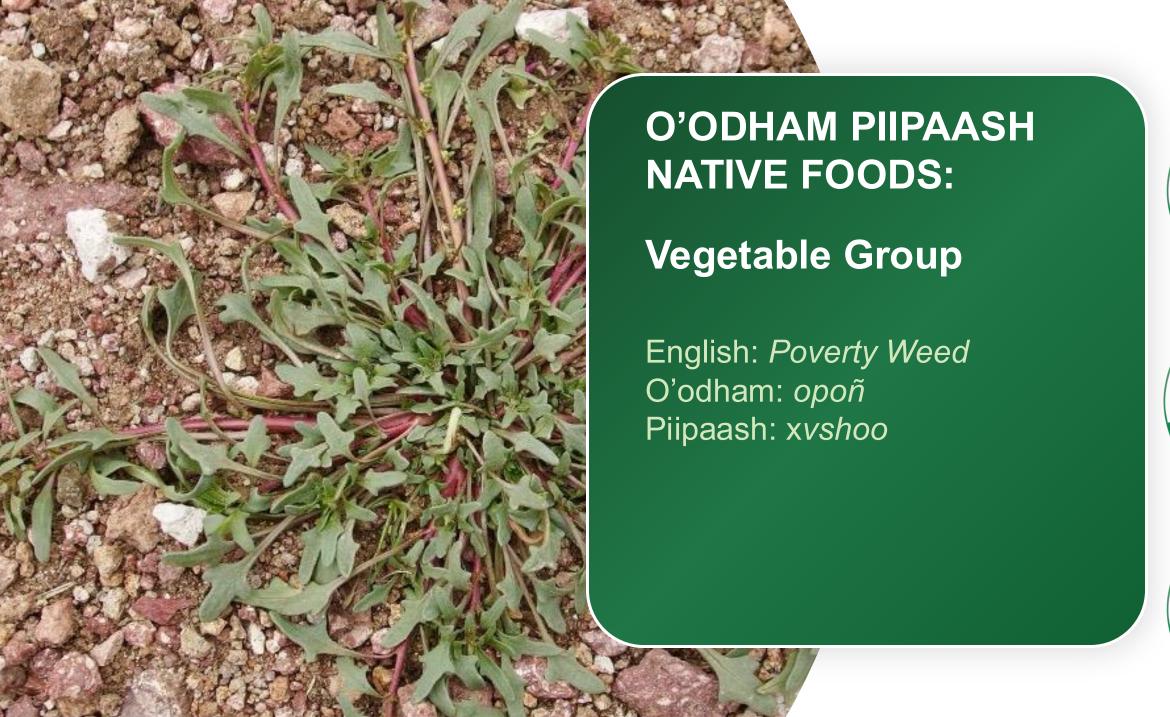


















### **Fruit Group**

English: Saguaro O'odham: haṣañ

Piipaash: 'a

Ajo Farmers Market 1.5 oz Price 15.00-25.00







### **Fruit Group**

English: Prickly Pear

O'odham: ibhai

Piipaash: kalyaap vqor

Fresh fruit can occasionally be found at local grocery stores or Mexican markets.

AZ Cactus Ranch 12 oz Price 27.00





### **Fruit Group**

English: Wolfberry
O'odham: kuavul
Piipaash: xthot

Goji Berries Amazon 32 oz Price 28.00







### **Fruit Group**

English: Graythorn

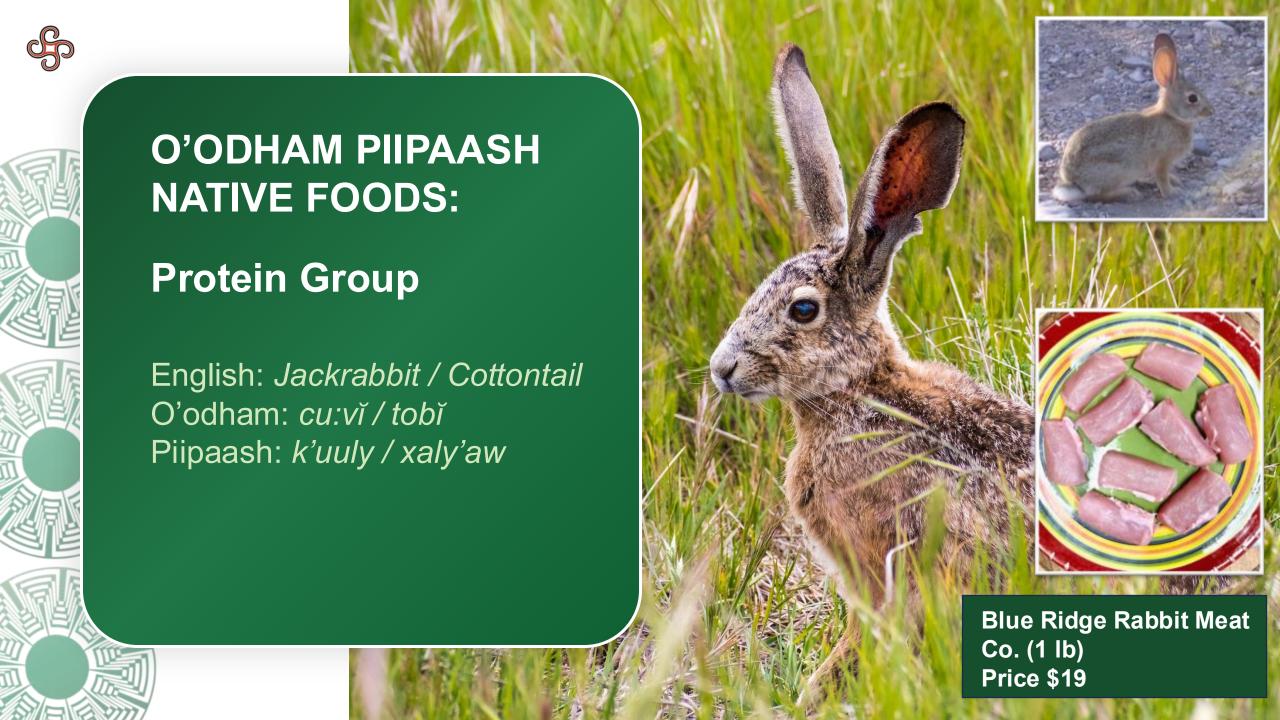
O'odham: u:sbad

Piipaash: owe













#### **Dairy Group**

- The only dairy consumed by O'odham and Piipaash was mother's milk as a child. No milk or milk byproducts were consumed beyond infancy in the native diet.
- Calcium is abundant in many desert plants.
- Vitamin D was acquired naturally with regular skin exposure to the sun.

 Proteins and other nutrients found in milk were acquired by eating other native plants and animals

 Many O'odham and Piipaash today are lactose intolerant.





#### Oils

- The native diet of the O'odham and Piipaash was very low in fat (8%-15%). Natural fats were consumed with nuts, fish, insects and other animals.
- Because the native diet was so low in fat, sometimes animal fat was used for cooking beans, green vegetables and other foods.
- Because the native diet was so low in fat, it has been theorized that our people developed a "thrifty gene" for survival.



This adaptation was perfect for our native diet but is harmful in our modern diet where fat is abundant.



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