

# **THE LOWDOWN ON**

GOOD **FATS** 

Find out which ones are your friends - and the ones to avoid

## THE FOUR FATS TO KNOW HEL

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GOOD	BAD
♦ Monounsaturated	♦ Saturated
♦ Polyunsaturated	♦ Trans

# £175m

worth of avocados – packed with good fats – have been consumed by Brits in the past year

#### THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF POLYUNSATURATED FATS:

Omega-3: In flaxseed and rapeseed oil Omega-6: In sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, corn oil, durum wheat Find both omegas in: walnuts, soy products, some vegetable spreads

**REMEMBER!** 

higher than your omega-6

– too many omega-6s may contribute to inflammation

and weight gain

**GETTING ENOUGH FATS:** 

SIGNS YOU'RE NOT

Bumps on the backs of arms

Dry, itchy, or flaky skin

Soft or cracked nails

Achy or stiff joints

Hard earwax

### **HELP YOUR BODY'S TRANSPORT NETWORK**

- Fat ferries fat-soluble vitamins **A**, **D**, **E** and **K** around the body. **A** boosts levels of collagen and elastin
- **D** prevents skin damage and supports hair growth
- E slows the creation of dark spots and wrinkles
- **K** speeds up the healing process of bruises, marks and scars

# Wonder oil?

Rapeseed oil is rich in monosaturated fats and omega-3, with half the saturated fats of olive oil. Drizzle on salad or use to fry, bake or roast

### STATE OF FATS

Saturated: Usually solid at room temperature Monounsaturated: Stays liquid at room temperature, but solid when refrigerated Polyunsaturated: Liquid at room temperature and when refrigerated Trans: Formed when food is processed

### HOW OMEGA-3 HELPS



**IMPROVES:** 

Memory span

Learning ability

Happiness levels



#### DEFICIENCY IS LINKED TO:

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- Depression
- Anxiety
- Bipolar disorders



of your daily calorie intake should contain good fats

### WHAT MAKES FATS 'GOOD'?

Did you know...

3500 kcal = 1 pound of fat

can provide

around 4.5g of

good fats, plus

vitamins A, B2,

and magnesium

ONE SERVING OF DARK CHOCOLATE (30G)

< Reduces cholesterol < Helps prevent clogging arteries < Helps control blood sugar levels < Cuts risk of type 2 diabetes 🗅

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