

# Foods Rich in Prebiotics



Food:	Beneficial Properties:	How it can help:
<b>Apples</b>	Pectin, polyphenol antioxidants	Increases short-chain fatty acid(butyrate), decreases harmful bacteria, improved digestive health, fat metabolism, lower cholesterol and reduced risk of some cancers
<b>Asparagus</b>	Inulin, antioxidants, anti-inflammatory	Promotes healthy microbiome and prevention of some cancers
<b>Bananas</b>	Small amount of inulin, high in resistant starch	Reduction of bloating and supporting healthy microbiome
<b>Barley</b>	Beta-glucan, selenium	Supports healthy microbiome, lower cholesterol, balance blood sugar, thyroid function, and boosting the immune system
<b>Burdock Root</b>	Inulin & FOS, antioxidant and anti-inflammatory	Helps to inhibit harmful bacteria, supports healthy bowel movements, immune system, and optimizing blood sugar
<b>Chicory Root</b>	Inulin plus Antioxidant Compounds	Nourishes microbiome, improves digestion, can help increase bile production.
<b>Cocoa</b>	The breakdown of cocoa beans produces nitric oxide and a good source of flavanols	Promotes healthy bacteria, nitric oxide very beneficial for cardiovascular system
<b>Dandelion Greens</b>	Inulin fiber, anti-inflammatory, diuretic, antioxidant, anti-cancer, and balancing cholesterol	Helps to reduce constipation, increase 'good' bacteria and supporting the immune system
<b>Flaxseeds</b>	Soluble fiber from mucilage gums, and insoluble cellulose, lignin; phenolic antioxidants	Support healthy bacteria, improves bowel movements, reduces amount of fat that is digested and absorbed, balancing blood sugar

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<b>Garlic</b>	Inulin, FOS (fructooligosaccharides), antioxidant, anti-cancer, antimicrobial	Promotes growth of Bifidobacteria, prevents disease-promoting bacteria, may help reduce risk of heart disease and benefits against asthma
<b>Jerusalem Artichoke</b>	Inulin, thiamin, potassium	Helps increase 'good' bacteria in the colon, strengthen immune system, prevention of some metabolic disorders, support nervous system and proper muscle function
<b>Jicama Root</b>	Inulin, vitamin C, Amino Acids	Helps to improve the digestive system, balancing blood sugar, enhancing insulin sensitivity, and supporting the immune system
<b>Konjac Root</b> (in skirataki noodles)	Glucomannan	Promotes healthy microbiome, relieving constipation, boosting immune system, lowering cholesterol, weight-loss and carbohydrate metabolism.
<b>Leeks</b>	Inulin, flavonoids, vitamin K	Helps promote healthy bacteria, breaking down fat and supporting the body addressing oxidative stress
<b>Oats</b>	Beta-glucan & resistant starch, phenolic acid	Supporting healthy bacteria, lowering cholesterol, blood sugar control, reduces risk of certain cancers, slowing digestion and appetite control
<b>Onions</b>	Inulin & FOS, quercetin, antioxidant, anti-cancer	Strengthens microbiome, helps with breaking down fats, boosting Nitric Oxide production which benefits the immune and cardiovascular systems
<b>Seaweed*</b>	Water-soluble fiber	May help friendly bacteria, boost immune system, may prevent heart attacks, strokes, and some cancers  *(has been studied in animals not humans)

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<b>Sweet Potatoes</b>	Resistant starch, potassium	Protect sensitive GI tracts, improve microbiome, can be helpful for diabetics and those with heart disease as well as lower risk of some cancers
<b>Wheat Bran</b>	AXOS (arabinoxylan oligosaccharides), antioxidant and anti-cancer	Supports Bifidobacteria, reduce cramping, abdominal pain, and flatulence
<b>Yacon Root</b>	Inulin and FOS, phenolic antioxidants	Improve healthy bacteria, the immune system, mineral absorption, optimizing blood fat and reduction of constipation

## What are Prebiotics?

Pre-biotics are substances that we cannot digest on our own.

- Inulin
- FOS (Fructooligosaccharides)
- Beta-glucan
- AXOS (Arabinoxylan oligosaccharides)
- Glucomannan
- Pectin
- Galactooligosaccharides
- Resistant Starch

We need bacteria in our GI tract to help with that digestion. In turn, when they digest these substances they produce things such as short-chain fatty acids which we then use to perform metabolic functions. In addition, the bacteria help us with other things such as: absorption of nutrients, protecting us against pathogens, supporting our central nervous and immune systems and strengthening the integrity of the GI tract. It is a win-win scenario!

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