



# **Pork, Canned/Pouch** MyPlate Food Group: Protein

### **Nutrition Information**

- 1 ounce of canned/pouch pork counts as 1 ouncein the ChooseMyPlate.gov Protein group.
- All foods made from meat, poultry, seafood, beans and peas, eggs, processed soy products, nuts, andseeds are considered part of the Protein FoodsGroup. Beans and peas can also be considered apart of the Vegetable Group.
- Eat a variety of protein foods to improve nutrientintake and health benefits.
- Canned/pouch pork supplies many nutrients such as protein, B vitamins (niacin, thiamin, riboflavin, and B6), vitamin E, iron, zinc, and magnesium.

#### **Uses & Tips**

- Canned/pouch beef is fully cooked, so it is safe toeat without cooking. If heated, serve right away orrefrigerate leftovers in a container that is not madefrom metal.
- Canned/pouch beef can be used in dishes such aslasagna, casseroles, spaghetti sauce, or chili.

## **MyPlate Facts**

- Proteins function as building blocks forbones, muscles, cartilage, skin, andblood. They are also building blocks forenzymes, hormones, and vitamins.
- B vitamins help build tissue and aid informing red blood cells. Iron can preventanemia. Magnesium helps build bonesand supports muscle function. Zinc cansupport your immune systems.

#### **Storing Foods at Home**

- Store unopened cans or pouches in a cool, clean, dry place.
- Store remaining opened beef in a tightly covered container that is not made from metal in the refrigerator.





### **10-Minute Pork Barbecue Sandwich**

Makes 5 servings Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cups canned pork
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup barbecue sauce
- 5 hamburger buns

Directions: Wash hands with soap and water.

- 1. Heat the oil in a large skillet over low heat.
- 2. Add the onion and cook it until tender, about 3-5 minutes.
- 3. Mix in the pork and barbecue sauce; cook it for about 5 minutes or until it is heated throughout.
- 4. Spoon the barbecue mixture onto the bottom half of an opened hamburger bun.

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