

# Sleep inducing foods



There are a number of food groups that can help with improving sleep.

All the foods on this list contain an amino acid called tryptophan which can only be produced through diet. Eating these foods helps your body to produce a hormone called melatonin. Melatonin helps to regulate sleep.

| Food groups            | Specific foods  |
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| Milk and milk products | Traditional milk products (warm), yogurt and soya milk  |
| Meat                   | Chicken and turkey  |
| Fish                   | Cod, tuna, mackerel and salmon  |
| Cheese                 | Cheddar, processed cheese and cottage cheese  |
| Fruits                 | Apples, bananas, blueberries, strawberries, avocados, pineapples and peaches                                  |
| Vegetables             | Spinach, asparagus, green peas, broccoli, tomatoes, cabbages, cauliflowers, mushrooms, cucumbers and potatoes |
| Nuts                   | Walnuts, peanuts, cashews, pistachios, chestnuts and almonds  |
| Seeds                  | Ground flax, sesame, pumpkin and sunflower seeds  |
| Pulses                 | Mung beans, soya beans, kidney beans, lima beans, chickpeas and tofu  |
| Grains                 | Wheat, brown rice, red rice, barley, corn and oats  |
| Bread                  | Wholewheat bread  |