

Meet the New "Superfruit"! February 15, 2011

First used in 2005, the term 'Superfruit' refers to

"a fruit which combines exceptional nutrient richness and antioxidant quality."

There is perhaps no more famous 'Superfruit' than Acai (an ingredient in my anti-inflammatory shake) and other fruits like Goji Berry.

Now it's time to meet the new 'Superfruit'! Here are some hints:

- Discovered 2,000 years ago
- It's been shown to reduce inflammation •
- It has more antioxidants than red wine! •
- May lower your risk of stroke as well as heart failure
- Can help lower blood pressure and your risk of heart disease
- Just like green tea, it stops activity of an enzyme called ACE and contains an antioxidant • called epicatechin to help protect against cardiovascular disease

The new 'Superfruit' is....CHOCOLATE!

Not All Chocolate Is Created Equal!

These wonderful health benefits of chocolate are due **Dark Chocolate**. Chocolate is classified based on cacao content:

- Milk chocolate contains at least 25% cacao
- Dark chocolate contains at least 35% cacao

Be careful! Preservatives artificial flavors can offset the health benefits.

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My Chocolate Recommendation

The hands-down best chocolate bar I have found is <u>Alter Eco Chocolate</u> as their chocolate is:

- 100% natural with NO artificial flavors or sweeteners, chemical additives or emulsifiers
 - <u>Fair Trade Certified</u> to respect all workers involved in production of the chocolate

It's truly difficult to find a better food than chocolate...either for your taste buds or your heart!

"I owe it all to little chocolate donuts." - John Belushi

Hope that helps. Best of luck.

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