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What makes a fruit or vegetable?

Botanically, fruits and vegetables are classified depending on which part of the plant they come from. A fruit develops from the flower of a plant, while the other parts of the plant are categorized as vegetables. Fruits contain seeds, while vegetables can consist of roots, stems and leaves.

Fruits and Vegetables: What Is the Difference?

By definition a fruit refers to those plant structures that are seed-bearing, and whose biological function is to continue the plant lineage by participation in plant reproduction. All the other plant parts—roots, stems, leaves, etc.—are vegetables.

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What is both a fruit and a vegetable?

A tomato is actually a fruit — but it's a vegetable at the same time. Tomatoes are both a vegetable and a fruit. The confusion arises because of the two different ways we define "fruit" — one is a scientific term and one is culinary.

Why is a tomato a fruit and not a cucumber?

First, it is true that scientifically speaking, tomatoes are fruits. According to Merriam-Webster, a fruit is "the usually edible reproductive body of a seed plant." ... (Cucumbers, peppers, pumpkins, and avocados are all fruits too, according to science.) Vegetables, on the other hand, have a slightly murkier definition.

Is a cucumber a fruit or a vegetable?

Cucumbers are a type of edible plant that belongs to the gourd family. It's widely cultivated and makes a nutritious addition to any diet. Cucumber is usually considered a vegetable because of how it's used in the culinary world. However, as it grows from flowers and contains seeds, it's botanically a fruit.

Which fruit is actually a vegetable?

Commonly classified and used as vegetables, bell peppers are actually fruits. The seeds of bell peppers are very promptly visible, and thus there is no doubt that this commonly used 'vegetable' is actually a fruit.

Which fruit is considered a vegetable?

Tomatoes are fruits that are considered vegetables by nutritionists. Botanically, a fruit is a ripened flower ovary and contains seeds. Tomatoes, plums, zucchinis, and melons are all edible fruits, but things like maple "helicopters" and floating dandelion puffs are fruits too.

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Is a pickle a fruit or a vegetable?

Technically, pickles may be considered both a fruit and a vegetable. While they are made from cucumbers, which are a vegetable, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled them a "fruit of the vine" because of their seeds.

Is zucchini a fruit or vegetable?

Zucchini, (*Cucurbita pepo*), also called courgette, variety of summer squash in the gourd family (*Cucurbitaceae*), grown for its edible fruits. Zucchini are common in home gardens and supermarkets, and the young fruits are cooked as a vegetable.

Is cucumber and tomato a fruit?

To a botanist, a fruit is an entity that develops from the fertilized ovary of a flower. This means that tomatoes, squash, pumpkins, cucumbers, peppers, eggplants, corn kernels, and bean and pea pods are all fruits; so are apples, pears, peaches, apricots, melons and mangos.

Is courgette a fruit or vegetable?

Something like a pea for example, whilst technically a fruit, is eaten as a vegetable. The same can be said for

courgettes and squashes. "The simplest way to identify which is a fruit and which is a vegetable is that fruit has seeds. So in a cucumber the seeds run through the middle of the plant.

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