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1. Spotlight: From Purchase to Plate: Linking USDA Nutrition Data with Retail Scanner Data to Assess the Healthfulness of America’s Food-at-Home Purchases
2. One on One
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Purchase to Plate Crosswalk: Linking scanner data to USDA nutrition databases

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Healthy Eating Index, 2015 (HEI-2015)

Adequacy components
- Whole fruit
- Greens and beans
- Dairy
- Seafood and plant proteins

Moderation components
- Sodium
- Saturated fats

Healthy Eating Index (HEI-2015) scores, percent of maximum score
Goals of the Purchase to Plate Crosswalk

1. Import the USDA nutrition data, especially the food group data, into scanner data.
2. Use scanner data to estimate prices for What We Eat in America/National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (WWEIA/NHANES) foods.

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IRI Retail Scanner Data: InfoScan

- Used for marketing research
- Purchase transaction records collected from store scanner systems
- Quantity and dollar sales by UPC by store by week
- About 6.5 billion transaction records per year
IRI Household-based Scanner Data: The Consumer Network

- Households scan the barcode of purchases
- Itemized food-at-home purchases for 120,000 households
- Household demographics
- Supplementary health information and prescription drug surveys
• Product Dictionaries (PD):
  – Detailed product information for one million products
  – Nutrition facts label for products with high sales
• Retail store information
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USDA Nutrition Data

Food and Nutrient Data for Dietary Studies (FNDDS)
- Provides nutrient values for foods and beverages
- 2011-12 includes about 8,000 foods for What We Eat in America (WWEIA)

Food Pattern Equivalent Database (FPED)
- Converts foods and beverages in the FNDDS to USDA Food Pattern components
- Used to evaluate dietary intake data with respect to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans
# Scanner and USDA Data

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<th>IRI Scanner Data 2013</th>
<th>FNDDS 11-12</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Primary use</strong></td>
<td>Market research</td>
<td>Monitor and study the nutrient and food pattern equivalents of the American diet</td>
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<td><strong>Number of items</strong></td>
<td>899,850</td>
<td>7,618 (FNDDS) 3,101 (SR)</td>
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<td><strong>Database structure</strong></td>
<td>Multiple variables, each column has similar information for every observation (wide format)</td>
<td>Main text description, plus multiple rows added as-needed (long format)</td>
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<td><strong>Form of item (product weight)</strong></td>
<td>Purchase form (weight can include both edible and non-edible parts)</td>
<td>Raw or cooked (weight does not include inedible parts)</td>
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Scanner Data

ChooseMyPlate.gov

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"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."
Semantic Matching – compare text strings for similar terms

Probabilistic Matching – based on product attributes, calculate a similarity score for each possible match.
## Linking Table

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<th>UPC*</th>
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<th>USDA description</th>
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* Not actual UPCs
Yield Factors are UPC-based

359,572 yield factors from:
- FNDDS
- SR
- FICRCD
- Agriculture Handbook 102
- Market Checks
The Purchase to Plate Crosswalk

- Matches between 650,592 UPCs matched to 4,390 FNDDS and SR food codes, representing
  - 5.9 billion transactions in retail scanner data
  - 46.6 million transactions in the household-based scanner data
  - High percent of total sales available to USDA
- Yield factors for 359,746 UPCs, representing UPCs with
  - Sales in the 2013 InfoScan
  - Enough product information to define a conversion factor
Coming soon: Purchase to Plate Price Tool

- National average prices or subset of scanner data such as the type of store
- Calculate prices for 3,541 foods reported by participants in WWEIA/NHANES 11-12
- 96 percent of reported food eating occasions
Purchase to Plate 2015 updates (coming soon)

• Include InfoScan (retail) and The Consumer Network (household) data.
• Ability to calculate the as-purchased weight from the as-eaten weight of WWEIA/NHANES food.
Initial Results

• Where are fruits and vegetables sold in the store?
• Other questions under consideration
Share of Cup Equivalents

Fruit
- Produce Section: 70%
- 30%

Vegetables
- Produce Section: 50%
- 50%
Vegetables in the store

- Shelf stable meals
- Snacks
- Refrigerated meals
- Refrigerated condiments
- Other frozen
- Ethnic
- Shelf stable condiments and...
- Shelf stable vegetables
- Frozen fruits and vegetables
Questions under Consideration

- What are the major sources of added sugar in our food purchases, and who purchases them?
- What is the projected impact of the new added sugar label on breakfast cereal purchases?
- Does media coverage on healthy diets impact food purchases?
- How healthy are convenience and easy-to-prepare foods?
- Are there differences in healthfulness of available foods in food desserts versus other locations?
Limitations

• Food purchase, not food intake
• Nutrients and food pattern equivalent data represent an average of many products. Imported data are not UPC specific.
• Not all stores allow USDA access to their private label sales or product information.
• 2013 version does not cover all products in the household scanner data.
Access to the PPC

- IRI data are proprietary data
- Current USDA purchase agreement allows access to:
  - USDA staff
  - Collaborators with USDA staff
  - Researchers funded by USDA grant or co-operative agreement
  - Research questions must be of interest to USDA
- Access is granted through a secure enclave
Purchase to Plate Crosswalk fills an important gap in research on food choices and obesity

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THANK YOU!