Studies show women who consume the most carotenoid-rich foods reduce their risk of breast cancer by about 19 percent.

The Institute of Medicine recommends women consume 3 to 6 mg of beta-carotene each day. Beta-carotene is a type of carotenoid, colorful pigments found in plants that provide an ample supply of cancer-fighting antioxidants.

Here are 10 foods packed with beta-carotene:



1 medium sweet potato (14.3 mg)



1 cup butternut squash (9.4 mg)



1 cup mashed pumpkin (5.1 mg)



1 cup diced cantaloupe (3.2 mg)



1 cup chopped red peppers (2.4 mg)



1 medium grapefruit (1.7 mg)



/2 cup dried apricots (1.4 mg)



1 cup sliced mango (1.1 mg)



1 cup tomatoes (0.8 mg)



1 cup papaya (0.4 mg)

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