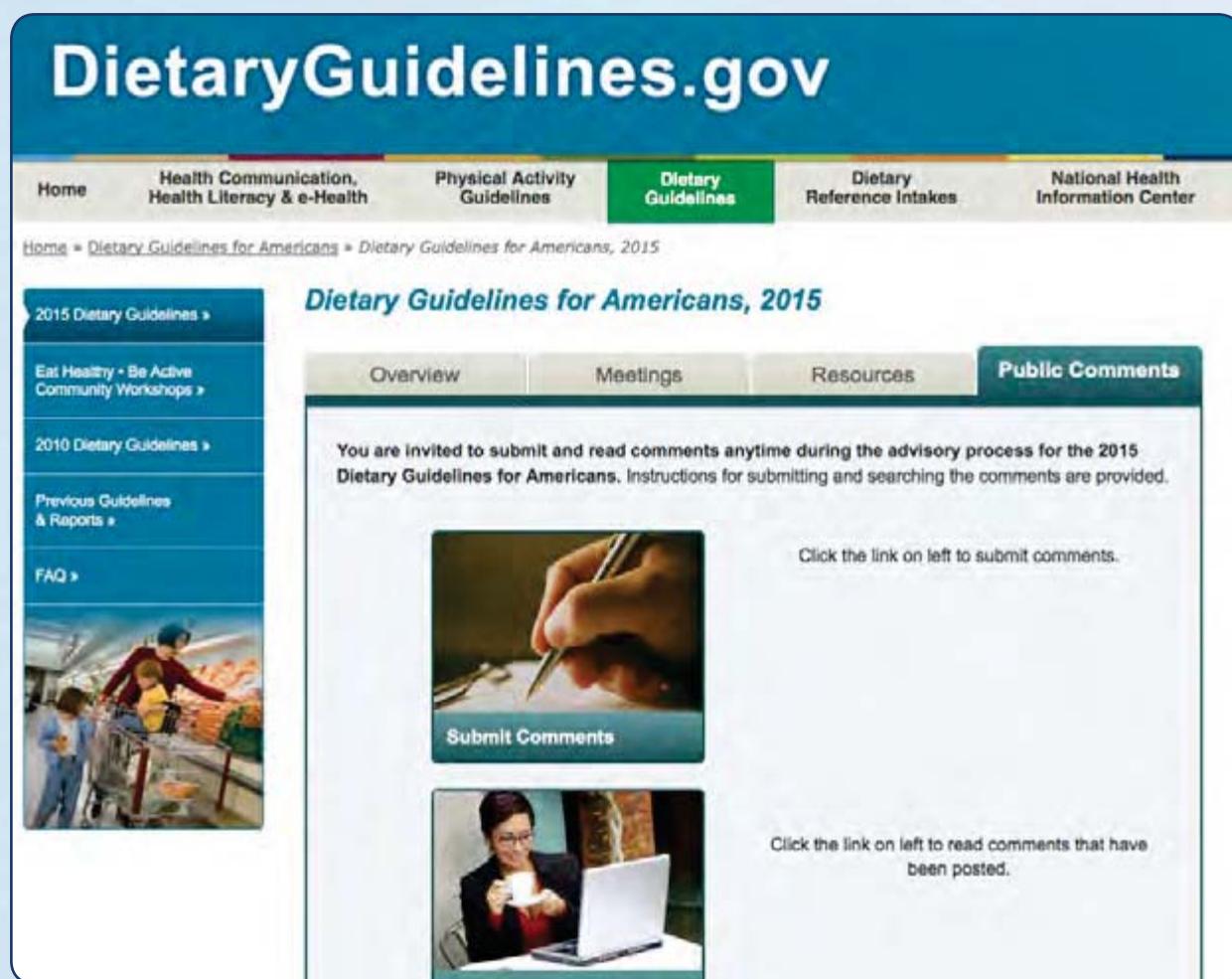


# Public Comments Database

## 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans

The public is encouraged to submit written comments electronically by clicking on the “Submit Comments” at any time throughout the Dietary Guidelines revision process. Public comments, once posted, will be viewable by the public by clicking on the “Read Comments” link. The Public Comments Database will be open through the delivery of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee’s report. All comments will be made available to the DGAC members.



The screenshot shows the website interface for the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The main header is "DietaryGuidelines.gov". Below it is a navigation bar with links for Home, Health Communication, Health Literacy & e-Health, Physical Activity Guidelines, Dietary Guidelines (highlighted), Dietary Reference Intakes, and National Health Information Center. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Dietary Guidelines for Americans > Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2015. The main content area is titled "Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2015" and has sub-tabs for Overview, Meetings, Resources, and Public Comments (which is active). The Public Comments section contains the following text: "You are invited to submit and read comments anytime during the advisory process for the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Instructions for submitting and searching the comments are provided." Below this text are two call-to-action buttons: "Submit Comments" (with an image of a hand writing on a document) and "Read Comments" (with an image of a woman looking at a laptop). To the left of the main content is a sidebar with links for "2015 Dietary Guidelines", "Eat Healthy • Be Active Community Workshops", "2010 Dietary Guidelines", "Previous Guidelines & Reports", and "FAQ".

- Comments will be processed, posted, and delivered to DGAC members prior to each scheduled public meeting.
- DGAC members should review comments prior to general meetings and may discuss selected comments during administrative subcommittee meetings.
- DGAC members should request DGAC leads to provide specialized topic reports by topic, organization, affiliation or comment ID.

# Navigating the Public Comments Database

**Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2015**

Overview Meetings Resources **Public Comments**

**Read Comments**

Instructions: You can browse comments by topic, or search by comment text, organization, affiliation, or comment ID. The search phrase must match in its entirety for a result to be returned. Searches are not case-sensitive.

**b** Search **c**

**d** Choose Topic

Sort by **e**  View **f**

**Victor Smith PhD** Comment ID #33 04/01/2013  
See both attachments. [Read More](#)  
Affiliation: Educational Institution: Higher Education Organization: Tufts Univ  
Topic:  
• Carbohydrates (Added Sugars, Fiber, Glycemic Index, Whole Grains)  
• Energy Balance (Weight Loss, Weight Maintenance, Calorie Intake, Physical Activity)  
Files Attached: 2

**Kristin Another One** Comment ID #32 03/27/2013  
Cookies and sugared RTE cereals provide meals for growing kids.  
Testing org name w/o affiliation, to see error message. Kristin  
It worked correctly. Kristin [Read More](#)  
Affiliation: Industry/Industry Association Organization: General Mills  
Topic:  
• Behavior/Food Environment  
• Carbohydrates (Added Sugars, Fiber, Glycemic Index, Whole Grains)

a) After accessing [www.DietaryGuidelines.gov](http://www.DietaryGuidelines.gov), you can click on the 'Read Comments' button to access the posted comments available to all public viewers.

b) You may search comments by selecting one of the following:

- Comments
- Organization
- Affiliation
- Comment ID

Or

c) You may search comments by entering a word or phrase and clicking "Go."

d) You may also choose a topic to search from 13 listed topics (see topic list below).

e) You may sort comments by:

- Newest
- Oldest
- Affiliation
- Organization
- Topic

f) In addition, you may choose to view 10, 25, 50, or 100 comments on one page.

## Topic List to Search

- Food Groups (Fruits, Vegetables, Grains, Dairy, Protein Foods)
- Eating Patterns-Diets (USDA Food Patterns, DASH, Vegetarian, Low Carb, Hi-Protein, etc.)
- Energy Balance (Weight Loss, Weight Maintenance, Calorie Intake, Physical Activity)
- Carbohydrates (Added Sugars, Fiber, Glycemic Index, Whole Grains)
- Protein (Plant, Animal)
- Fats (Total Fat, Solid Fats, Oils, Fatty Acids, Cholesterol)
- Micronutrients (Sodium, Potassium, Vitamin D, Calcium, Iron)
- Water & Beverages (Non-alcoholic)
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Food Safety
- Behavior/Food Environment
- Lifespan Needs (Infants, Children, Pregnant Women, Older Adults, etc.)
- Other