

## In Pursuit of Vibrant Health!

Effortless weight-loss is just a bonus. All is based on leveraging the simple, yet powerful, concept of maximizing the percent of your calories from whole, plant-based foods -- still in nature's package.

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**Introduction.** *4Leaf for Life* is a mentality---thinking about making every bite count. And *4Leaf* is simple; designed to help people focus on maximizing their consumption of the healthiest of foods — whole plants. A truly healthy diet is all about what you ARE eating — not what you're avoiding. The foundation of this concept is the "common ground" wisdom of the five pioneering medical doctors featured in our book---all agreeing with these words from Dr. T. Colin Campbell, "The closer we get to eating a diet of whole, plant-based foods, the better off we will be." How simple is that?

**Scoring.** Our *4Leaf* scale has six levels of eating, with the bottom "Unhealthful" level representing the typical Western diet --- where 90% of the calories are derived from meat, dairy, eggs, seafood and highly refined foods. It's all very simple. With the *4Leaf* goal in mind, everyone must decide which level is right for them and their family. 1Leaf begins at 20% of calories from whole plants; 4Leaf begins at 80%. The right level for you is the one that you can maintain indefinitely.

4Leaf	Representing a small minority of the population; people in this group tend to have trim bodies, vibrant health, lots of energy, take no medications, almost never have ANY disease and will very likely live a long & healthy life.
3Leaf	Already eating a superior diet, this group is deriving well over half of their calories from health-promoting, whole, plant-based foodsand has experienced many benefits healthy eatingright on the verge of 4Leaf.
2Leaf	Although probably making a serious effort to eat a healthy, "balanced" diet; they are falling short of ensuring long-term vibrant health. We have found that with a little help, folks in this group can easily switch to 4Leaf eating.
1 Leaf	Although eating 4 to 5 times more whole plants than the majority of folks, they are not consuming enough of them to provide much protection against disease. After taking our <i>4Leaf Survey</i> , they'll know what to do.
"Better Than Most" 10 to 20% from whole plants	People at this level are actually trying to eat a healthier diet. They frequently say things like "I have given up red meat and am trying to watch what I eat." All they need is a better understanding of what promotes vibrant health.
Unhealthful (Eaten by the majority) <10% from whole plants	The typical Western diet with meat, dairy, fish and/or highly-processed foods at almost every meal. A very destructive diet-style, providing almost no fiber from whole plants and offering zero protection against chronic disease.

Note. Notice that 4Leaf eating is not necessarily vegetarian or vegan. But if you choose to routinely include dairy, meat, eggs, fish, oil, sugar & processed foods in your diet, you will have a difficult time reaching the 4Leaf level. Wishing you the best in your pursuit of vibrant health & optimal weight. Be well, J. Morris Hicks.