VATA-PITTA DIET CHART

FOOD TYPE	FAVOR	LIMIT	
FRUITS	Most sweet, ripe, juicy fruits; stewed apples (with ghee and cardamom), applesauce, avocado, sweet berries (avoid sour), coconut, fresh dates, fresh figs, red grapes, limes, pears, ripe-sweet mangoes (avoid sour or green), melons, sweet-ripe peaches, sweet-ripe plums, soaked prunes, soaked dates, soaked figs, soaked raisins	All dried fruits, all sour fruits, unripened fruit, all citrus (except lime), raw apples, cranberries, kiwi, tamarind, green mango, green grapes, dry figs, persimmons, dry prunes, dry raisins	
VEGGIES	Most well-cooked or steamed veggies; asparagus, beets, cooked broccoli, carrots, cilantro, cucumber in moderation (raw is alright in summer), cooked cauliflower, fennel, green beans, green onion, leeks, okra, sweet or yellow onion (cooked), parsnip, peas, sweet potato, pumpkin, winter and summer squash, zucchini, cooked kale (in moderation), cooked spinach (in moderation)	All frozen or raw veggies; raw salads, bitter melon, raw broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, raw cauliflower, celery, corn, raw leafy greens, kohlrabi, mushrooms, olives; nightshades including tomato, white potato, peppers, and eggplant; radish, turnips, wheatgrass, sprouts, garlic	
GRAINS	Amaranth, buckwheat, cooked oats (steel cut oats are best), quinoa, brown rice, well-cooked millet (made with ghee, oil, or milk only), sprouted wheat bread, 100% whole wheat (in moderation), spelt	All refined grains, all uncooked or dry grains, bread with yeast, dry cereal, corn, couscous, crackers, granola, dry millet, muesli, oat bran, dry oats, rice cakes, rye, dry toast, wheat bran	

DAIRY	Organic and whole fat milk (heated and spiced), buttermilk, cheese in moderation (soft or homemade paneer is best), ghee, unsalted butter, homemade yogurt, homemade kefir, lassi (not mango lassi)	Cold milk, powdered milk; hard, aged cheese; cheese in excess, ice cream, sour cream, store bought yogurt, salted butter
LEGUMES	Red lentils, mung beans, mung dal *All legumes should be soaked overnight to help the digestion	
NUTS AND SEEDS	Raw and unsalted best; almonds (soaked and skins removed), coconut, soaked chia seed, ground flax seed, pumpkin seeds, hemp seeds, sunflower seeds	Popcorn, peanuts, almonds with peel, cashews, walnuts (alright in moderation), sesame seeds (alright in moderation), brazil nuts, hazel nuts; all roasted and salted nuts or seeds
OILS	Ghee, olive oil, sunflower oil, flaxseed oil, coconut oil, sweet almond oil (in moderation), avocado oil	Sesame oil, peanut oil, vegetable oil, canola oil, corn oil, safflower oil, mustard oil
SPICES	Cooling to warming spices; cumin, coriander, fennel, turmeric, fresh ginger, pippali, cardamom, cloves, mint, basil, parsley, cilantro	Heating spices; cayenne, cinnamon (in moderation alright), oregano, dry ginger, fenugreek, garlic, mustard seeds, rosemary, thyme
SWEETENERS	Fruit juice concentrates, coconut sugar, date sugar, dates, honey (raw and in moderation), jaggery (in moderation), maple syrup, sucanat, turbinado	Agave, white sugar, refined sugars, honey that has been heated