

BROCON!

Broccoli, brassica oleracea, has been around for over 2,000 years. This green powerhouse veggie hails from the cabbage family. It's name is derived from the Italian word "broccolo", which means "the flowering crest of a cabbage." The broccoli we know and love is a variety known as Calabrese, named after the famed region in Italy. While California is nicknamed the golden state, it could also be called the broccoli state, since it produces 90 percent of our nation's broccoli harvest. On top of being a delicious veggie both cooked and raw, broccoli is very high in Vitamin C and calcium. One cup of chopped broccoli is the Vitamin C equivalent of an orange and the calcium equivalent to a glass of milk. Talk about a truly unbeatable healthy snack! It's no wonder that the average American eats over four pounds of broccoli a year.



DID YOU KNOW?

FLOWER POWER! If left unpicked, the head of a broccoli stalk, called the florets, will blossom into yellow flowers.

GIVE ME A SIGN There is no sign in American Sign Language for broccoli (it has to be spelled out).



ACE'S JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q. WHAT KIND OF VEGETABLES WEAR SOCKS?

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ACTIVITY: THANKS A BUNCH!

Help the broccoli find their way home.

