## Foods that affect male fertility

To improve sperm thickness (volume of semen) and strength (sperm quality and motility), it's essential to maintain a balanced intake of specific nutrients. Here is a list of the key nutrients you need to quickly and effectively help you to boost your sperm health and what foods they're found in:

Nutrient	What foods is it found in?	Impact on sperm
Omega—3 fatty acids	<ul> <li>Walnuts</li> <li>Fatty fish (salmon, tuna, mackerel, sardines)</li> <li>Seeds (flaxseed, chia seed)</li> <li>Avocados</li> <li>Canola oil</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Minimize oxidative stress</li> <li>Can increase sperm motility</li> <li>Can increase sperm count</li> <li>Can reduce abnormal sperm cells Possible association between eating saturated fatty acids and quicker time to pregnancy</li> </ul>
Antioxidants (L—arginine, Carnitines, carotenoids, coenzyme Q10, cysteine	<ul> <li>Berries</li> <li>Dark chocolate</li> <li>Dark leafy greens</li> <li>Kidney beans</li> <li>Apples</li> <li>Garlic</li> <li>Spices (ginger, cloves, turmeric)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Can improve sperm motility</li> <li>Can reduce abnormal sperm</li> <li>Can increase sperm concentration</li> <li>Can improve sperm count</li> </ul>
Zinc and selenium	<ul><li>Oysters</li><li>Pumpkin seeds</li></ul>	<ul> <li>A potent antioxidant</li> <li>Plays a role in testes development</li> <li>Essential for the production of sperm</li> <li>Can increase sperm quality</li> </ul>
Folate and Vitamin B	<ul><li>Dark leafy greens</li><li>Eggs</li><li>Beets</li><li>Avocado</li><li>Bananas</li></ul>	Helps reduce oxidative stress Can improve sperm quality