Comparison of 10 Plant-Based Protein Supplements



Peanut

13 g of protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

 High amounts of arginine, which is vital for immune health

Things to Watch Out For

■ Low in methionine



Soy

20-30 g of protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

- High in BCAAs
- May help lower cholesterol
- May help regulate menopausal symptoms

Things to Watch Out For

■ Low in methionine



Algae

Varies protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

- Highly ethical
- Similar amino acid profiles to traditional protein sources

Things to Watch Out For

- May have absorption limitations
- Difficult to obtain
- Nutrition varies depending on the source



Pea

21 g of protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

- High in BCAAs
- May promote digestive health

Things to Watch Out For

■ Low in methionine



Chia

10 g of protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

- Can be made at home
- High in omega-3 fatty acids

Things to Watch Out For

■ Low in lysine



Sacha inchi

17 g of protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

- Comparable to soy
- High in arginine, which helps to improve blood pressure

Things to Watch Out For

- Low in lysine
- Difficult to come by
- Pricey



Hempseed

12 g of protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

- Easily digestible
- High in fiber

Things to Watch Out For

- Low in lysine
- Must be cold-pressed to fully take advantage of nutritional components



Pumpkin

18 g of protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

 Good source of fiber, antioxidants, magnesium, and zinc

Things to Watch Out For

Low in lysine and threonine



Brown rice

22 g of protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

■ High in BCAAs

Things to Watch Out For

■ Low in lysine



Blends

Varies protein per 1/4 cup

Benefits

 Allows amino acid profiles to complement one another

Things to Watch Out For

- Can be pricey
- Proportions ofingredients not clear