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NUTRITION AND YOU...OATMEAL

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Oatmeal has been a staple food for centuries in some parts of the world. Now it is a popular food in the United States because studies show that eating part meal as part of a low-fat diet can help lower your cholesterol.

SHOP SMART

Rolled in oats are the most common form of oatmeal sold in supermarkets. You can find rolled oats in whole, quick-cooking or instant forms. Most oatmeal comes in boxes or bags. Look for oatmeal in the cereal or natural food aisles.



Oatmeal is:

- A good source of Vitamin B
- A good source of magnesium
- Low in fat
- Cholesterol free



Note: ½ cup of cooked oatmeal (or 1/3 cup dry) counts as 1 cup of whole grains.

KEEP IT SAFE

These food safety tips will help protect you and your family:

- Wash hands for 20 seconds with warm water and soap before and after preparing food.
- Before purchasing oatmeal, check the "sell-by" or "use-by" date.
- Keep oatmeal in a tightly sealed container in a dark, dry place.
- Oatmeal can be stored at room temperature for one month. Oatmeal stored in the refrigerator will keep for up to four months.

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RECIPE

Banana Split Oatmeal

Ingredients:

1/3 cup quick-cooking oatmeal

1/8 tsp. salt

3/4 cup very hot water or low-fat milk

½ sliced banana

½ cup non-fat frozen yogurt.

Instructions:

- 1. In a microwave safe cereal bowl, mix the oatmeal and salt. Stir in water.
- 2. Microwave on high power for 1 minute. Stir. Microwave on high power for another minute. Stir again.
- 3. Microwave an additional 30-60 seconds on high power until the cereal reaches the desired thickness. Stir again.
- 4. Top with banana slices and frozen yogurt.

Nutrition Facts -Banana Split Oatmeal

Cost: Per Recipe: \$ 0.52 Per Serving: \$ 0.52

Serving Size: 1 full recipe (264 grams)

Calories: 150 Calories from Fat: 10

Per Serving % Daily Value*		*Dorcont daily value
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Total Fat – 1 g	2%	Based on a 2,000
Saturated Fat – 0 g	0%	calorie diet. Your
Dietary Fiber – 4 g	16%	daily values may
Sodium – 290 mg	12%	be higher or lower
Sugars – 7 g		depending on your
Protein – 4 g		caloric needs.

FOCUS ON FITNESS

Do stretches, exercises, or pedal a stationary bike while watching television.

REMEMBER:

Instead of buying flavored oatmeal with added sugar, buy plain oatmeal and add your own flavor with fresh fruit and cinnamon. It will save you money and it tastes great!



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