

## **Oatmeal Pecan Bars with Nougat**

**SERVINGS** 

**COOKING TIME** 

2 Dozen

Oatmeal Pecan Bars with Nougat is a creamy and chewy treat with a bite of crunch. This dessert is just what you want when the holiday season rolls around. Pecan bars make for a festive treat to serve or a yummy gift to give.

## Ingredients

- 1/2 Cup(s) (1 stick) butter, softened
- 1/4 Cup(s) granulated sugar
- 2 Eggs, separated
- 2 Tablespoon(s) Water
- 1/2 Teaspoon(s) vanilla
- 2 Cup(s) Quaker® Oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1/2 Cup(s) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 Teaspoon(s) Baking Soda
- 1/2 Cup(s) firmly packed brown sugar
- 3/4 Cup(s) chopped, lightly toasted pecans

## **Cooking Instructions**

- 1. Heat oven to 350°F.
- 2. Spray a 13 x 9 x 2-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray.
- 3. In large bowl, beat butter, 1/2 cup brown sugar and the granulated sugar with electric mixer until creamy.
- 4. Add egg yolks, water and vanilla; beat well.
- 5. Add combined oats, flour and baking soda; mix well.
- 6. Spread dough evenly in bottom of pan.
- 7. Bake 15 minutes or until deep golden brown.
- 8. Remove from oven to cooling rack.
- 9. Reduce oven temperature to 325°F.

- 10. In medium bowl, beat egg whites with electric mixer until foamy.
- 11. Gradually add the remaining 1/2 cup brown sugar, beating until stiff peaks form.
- 12. Spread over warm crust to edges of pan.
- 13. Sprinkle pecans evenly over top.
- 14. Bake 20 minutes or until topping is lightly browned.
- 15. Cool 10 minutes.
- 16. Cut into bars but do not remove from pan.
- 17. Cool completely in pan.
- 18. Remove cooled bars from pan.
- 19. Store tightly covered, separating layers with waxed paper.