

LUSCIOUS DESSERTS FROM ACROSS THE USA



Come the holidays, each part of the country celebrates with its own delicious desserts. Here, best-loved recipes, from New York Cranberry Nut Cheesecake to California Oranges Jubilee! BY JOANNE BORKOSKI

Just some of our desserts from around the country: (top)
Southern Fresh Coconut Layer Cake with tangy Lemon Filling; Texas Pecan Candy Cake—goes together in a flash, keeps for weeks! (Bottom) So incredibly rich, one New York Cranberry Nut Cheesecake feeds 16! Folks in the Plains States love traditional Christmas Stollen.

TEXAS PECAN CANDY CAKE

Serve this rich, fruitcake-like confection sparingly. Make at least 2 weeks ahead so flavors can mellow.

Bake at 250° for 1½ hours. Makes one 9-inch cake (32 thin slices) at 43¢ per slice.

Nutrient Value Per Slice: 218 calories, 2 gm. protein, 12 gm. fat, 28 gm. carbohydrate, 26 mg. sodium, 4 mg. cholesterol.

- 1/2 pound candied red cherries, cut in quarters (11/3 cups)
- 1/2 pound candied pineapple, coarsely chopped (1 cup) 1/2 pound pitted dates, coarsely
- snipped (1½ cups)

 1 tablespoon all-purpose
 flour
- 41/3 cups coarsely chopped pecans (1 pound, shelled)
- 4 ounces flaked coconut (about 11/4 cups) 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened
- 1. Preheat oven to slow (250°). Grease and flour 9x3-inch tube pan with removable

condensed milk

- bottom; set pan aside.
- 2. Combine cherries, pineapple and dates in very large bowl. Sprinkle with flour; toss to coat well. Add pecans and coconut; toss to mix. Add sweetened condensed milk; stir to mix well. Spoon evenly into prepared pan, smoothing top.
- 3. Bake in preheated slow oven (250°) for 1½ hours. Cool in pan on rack. Remove from pan. Wrap tightly in foil.
 Refrigerate at least 2 weeks.
 Cake cuts best when cold. Slice very thin with serrated knife.
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