

October is National Eat Better, Eat Together Month!

- Jill Ladd, MPH, RD, LD's Top 10 Tips and getting kids engaged.
- NEW! Mealtime Solutions @TheTable sets you up with ready-to-go resources.
- Washington State U. Extension offers lessons, Food \$ense, recipes.
- Pøst your great plans, #EatBetterEatTogetherMonth



Easy Cheesy Enchiladas

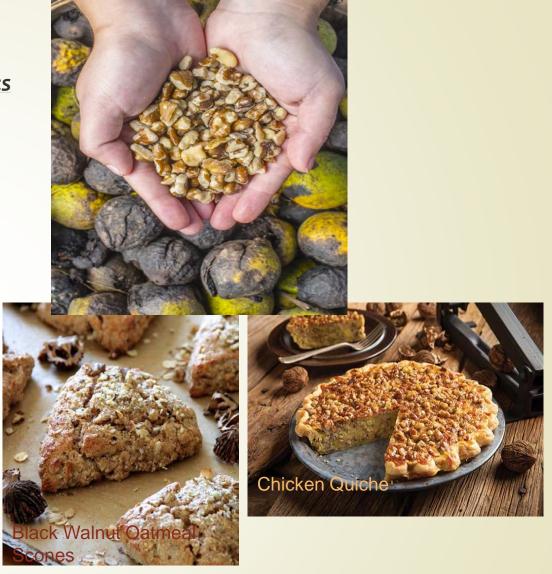
Baking Hack: The Family Dinner Project is rich with "how-to-get-started with conversation starters & Dinner Tonight budget-friendly meal solutions.



Bake with the season and American Black Walnuts

Is there **anything** that isn't delicious baked in October? View Kim Hammons, Hammons Black Walnuts, demonstrate her Fruit Crisp

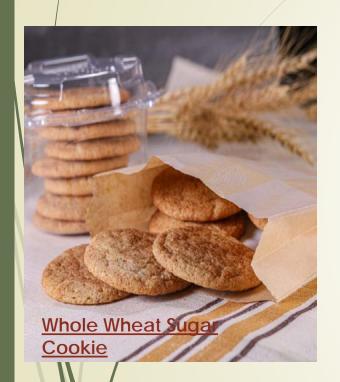
- Breakfast with wholegrain rich Black Walnut Oatmeal Maple Scones
- Apple Pie Loaf or Muffins are a perfect coffee side, and they're in the Baker's Spotlight now.
- Brunch with Chicken Quiche with garnished with crunchy black walnuts.



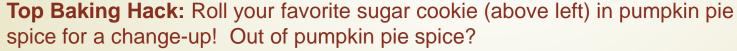
Baking Hack: Black walnuts are a native, sustainable, high protein ingredient for <u>hand-crafted dessert</u>, entrée's or sides. Take notes <u>where they're harvested or sold</u> near you.



October 1 is #HomemadeCookiesDay



- What cookie is always No.1? Chocolate Chip ☺ of course! Try Pumpkin Chocolate Chip with Brown Butter just for a fall taste treat.
- The C&H test kitchens are pros with Gluten Free... see how their GF Sugar Cookies stack up! (lower right)
- Love 'em fresh-baked? Freeze unbaked cookie dough.
- Deliver your cookies in sustainable packaging (left) good natured Products.



1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice = ½ teaspoon cinnamon + ¼ teaspoon ginger + 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg + 1/8 teaspoon allspice







October 4 – National #CinnamonBunDay

- Your research begins with some top Cinnamon Bun bakers... including a PUMPKIN Cinnamon bun!
- Start your ovens-- Oklahoma's Best Cinnamon Rolls are blue ribbon.
- Stafford County Flour Mill shares their "short-patent flour" tenderest Circumon Rolls.
- Worth Dakota adds their own twist with Cinnamon Twisties.



No one resists a "jiffy" Cinnamon Roll original!

Top Baking Hack: Spread or fill your sheeted cinnamon bun dough with what bakers call a "smear." Mix 4 oz. salted butter, ½ cup granulated or brown sugar, 1 Tablespoon cinnamon and ½ cup finely chopped toasted pecans until spreadable. This can be made ahead ready to spread.



October 5- Do Something Nice Day

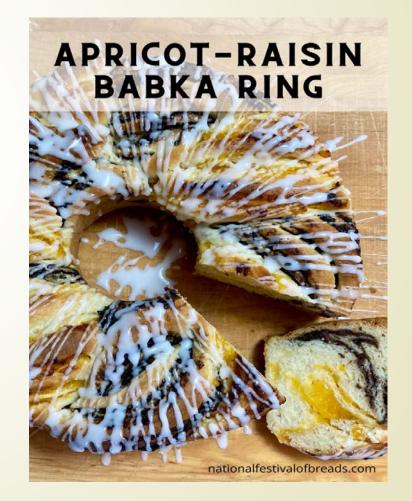


Gluten-free Cinnamon Cupcakes

Any day will do to do something nice...ideas to get started...

- Gluten-free Cinnamon Cupcakes delivered in bio-friendly packaging is nice for people and Mother Earth.
- Rosemary Garlic Pull-Apart is perfect to use those fall herbs still thriving in your garden or pots!
- Up your game with tangzhong and Apricot-Raisin Babka Ring, a National Festival of Breads winner!

Baking Hack: "Tangzhong" yeast breads are more tender. A small portion of the flour's starch is "cooked" with hot water or milk, then cooled and added with the remaining ingredients.







October Bakers

October 10 – Angel Food Cake Day



- Originating in the United States, Angel Food Cake became popular in the late 19th century. A must try... Angel food in chocolate! (Left)
- Angel food cake was so named for its airy lightness and said to be the "food of the angels."
- Angel Food Cupcakes (right) are delectable, and with a pillow of whipped cream frosting they ARE a bite from heaven.





Top Baking Hack: Be gentle. Angel food cupcakes don't "rise," so use an ice cream scoop, fill to heaping a cupcake liner so batter is high above the edge. Sprinkle with <u>raw, demera or coarse sugar</u> and bake as directed.





- Farmers are harvesting all over the U.S. Baker Bettie shares one great field meal (top right)- bierocks. Beef, cabbage, wheat flour—all are likely from farmers near you.
- All about Grains plus meet a first time wheat farmer! and much more can be found with our farm-to-oven members.
- Mom called it "Lazy Daisy Cake," others <u>Old Fashioned Cake</u> (right).
 Either way, It's what we took to the field for the harvesters.

Top Baking Hack: HomeBaking.org's Baker's <u>Glossary</u> connects bakers with many farm-to oven terms and resources.







October 14- Real Sugar Day – #NationalRealSugarDay #madewithrealsugar



- What's "Real Sugar?" CLUE: It starts with farmers, plants, fields...but WHERE in the U.S?
- Get the facts...how it's made, processed...

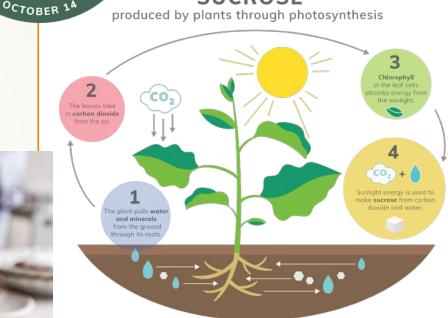
What important ROLE in foods does sugar have and why is

it a critical baking ingredient?

Be a Sugar Detective!

Which type of sugar is used in these Chocolate Graham Crackers?





SUCROSE



Baking Hack: Keep molasses on your baking shelf. In a pinch you can cream it with granulated sugar to make enough brown sugar to get you by! https://youtu.be/7ThFOmRcIrU



October 14 – National Dessert Day forks call for Apple Cheesecake!





- For our gluten-free bakers, a cast iron skillet (above)
 creates the best Apple Skillet Cobbler
- All bakers need a truly great ice cream in their go-to recipe file. Black Walnut Ice Cream is tops.
- Baking for one? The Family Dinner Project recommends Banana Chocolate Chip Mug Cake's



Top Baking Hack: If you haven't had your slow-cooker out yet this fall, today's the day. Chef Gemma offers her Crock-pot Pumpkin Cobbler for a start.





October 16 – #WorldFoodDay

- 150 countries unite for World Food Day events in Africa, Asia, Latin American, and the U.S. for agricultural fairs, school ceremonies, food package deliveries and donations. Why not...
- Host a Bake Sale for No Kid Hungry with ready-resources.
- Plan a to unite with other bakers and have a "Big Recipe Read" to "bake the world a better place" for local shelters, pantries or international relief.
 - Bake for Funds offers a ton of planning ideas to raise funds.







Top Baking Hacks: Bake <u>"bite-sized"</u> – packages of 2 to 4 regular or 6 snack-sized items. <u>Package in biodegradable plastic!</u> Shape "<u>value-added" yeast breads-</u> braids, twists, pretzels to add value and take-home appeal. Offer <u>whole grain</u>, <u>gluten-free</u> and <u>vegan</u> products too!



October 18 – National Chocolate Cupcake Day



Cupcake Timeline

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- 1796- Cupcake's are first defined... "a cake to be baked in small cups," American Cookery, by Amelia Simmons.
- Baker Bettie's Chili Mocha Cupcakes (right) really spices things up. YUM!
- Baking in a tiny apartment or kitchen?
 Here are 3 <u>"small batch" cupcakes designed for a toaster oven .</u>



Cookie Dough, Red Velvet, & S'More Small Batch Cupcakes

Top Baking Hack: Bakers have always "made-do" with what they had. Early on cupcakes were baked in heavy pottery cups. You can still use ramekins, custard cups, <u>coffee mugs</u>, large teacups, or other small **ovenproof** pottery-type dishes!



October 19- National Kentucky Day



Baking Hack: "If you don't have 1 ¼ cups self-rising flour called for in the cobbler recipe, use 1 cup plus 3 tablespoons of Sunflour plain flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder, and ½ teaspoon salt."

Kentucky's Hopkinsville Milling Company, Christian County, KY's oldest industry (1797), mills KY wheat and corn into flour, meal, grits and self-rising mixes.

- Kentucky farms produce soft wheat and corn famously baked into corn cakes, cornbread and biscuits, cakes, muffins, pot pies, sweet potato pie, grits and more.
- Pumpkin Pecan Cobbler (left) is a Sunflour Power Bake-off winner by Lenda Hood.
- U. of Kentucky Extension serves up <u>Plate it</u> <u>Up! Kentucky</u> Proud recipes for spring, summer, fall and winter.







October 26—National Pumpkin Day



Three things everyone should know:

- . How to Roast a Pumpkin
- 2. How to bake Pumpkin Party Muffins (right)
- 3. How to bake The Best Pumpkin Pie Ever

Well...maybe four things ...add how to make <u>Pumpkin</u> Mini-Cheesecakes! (below)





Pumpkin FACTS to impress:

- It's native to North America.
- We produce 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins every year.
- Illinois is the top pumpkin producing state.

Top Baking Hack: Pumpkin can be added to many baked goods. It adds nutrients like Vitamin A by the boatload. Sub it into your <u>pancakes</u>, muffins or waffles...you can even make <u>Pumpkin Crisp!</u> Who knew?! **Substitution Guide**: Use about ½ cup pumpkin puree for 1/3 cup milk.



October 29—Oatmeal Day- time to go beyond the bowl!

- All the forms of oats we eat are whole grain
- Oats are great baked in, well, almost everything.
- Oatmeal Bread is a fav from our FCCLA friends.
- <u>Apricot Streusel Scones</u> combine South Dakota grain growers' best.
- And then there's the ultimate: Homemade
 Oatmeal Creme Pies (right)



So many <u>Oatmeal</u> breads, so little time!

Baking Hack: Oats 101- Steel-cut <u>oats</u> are coarsely cut oat kernels called "groats;" rolled oats are large flakes. "Quick oats" are smaller cut. Whirl rolled oats in processor for oat flour!



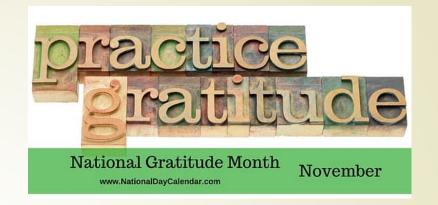




November Baking

Make it a MONTH of Thanksgivings.





What is a <u>cherished family recipe</u> you'd love to share during November? Share with us @homebakingassociation

Cranberry Orange Holiday Bread (left) takes center-of-table as a breakfast bread – a winner in the National Festival of Breads.

Access more winning savory and sweet baking <u>recipes</u> for top-notch entertaining.

Baking Hack: Many meal memories return to the <u>bread basket</u>...the buns, rolls, pull-aparts, butterhorns, clover-leaf, knots, pumpkin, honey, milk, cheese, rosemary, herbed, corn, dill, parmesan, olive, feta, potato, sourdough, brioche, twists and gluten-free...all included! <u>Start the memories</u>.