

COOKING FOR WELLNESS





APRICOT PECAN BARS

YEILD: 24 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS

3 cups quick cooking oats

½ cup pecans, chopped

3 cups unsweetened grain cereal

2 cups dried apricots, chopped

1/4 cup whole-wheat flour

12 ounces silken tofu, drained

1 large egg

½ cup applesauce

½ cup canola oil

3/4 cup honey

½ tsp. salt

1 Tbsp. lemon zest, freshly grated

1 Tbsp. vanilla extract

Cooking spray

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2. Spread oats and pecans on large (15x10 inch) baking dish. Bake until lightly brown and fragrant, about 8 to 10 minutes.
- 3. Transfer to large mixing bowl and add cereal, apricots and flour; stir to combine.
- 4. Puree tofu, egg, applesauce, oil, honey, vanilla and lemon zest in a blender until smooth. Make a well in the center of the oat mixture and fold in the tofu mixture until combined. Coat 9x13 baking dish with cooking spray and spread the mixture uniformly in the dish.
- 5. Bake until firm in the center and golden brown, approximately 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool completely in the dish before cutting bars with a sharp knife.