

Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

The Flavor Of The Holidays All Year Long

(NAPSA)—Sweet potatoes are emerging from under their marshmallow-topped holiday niche and appearing on dinner tables year-round to rave family reviews. This sweet-flavored spud is just as nutritious as it is delicious, so it's no wonder sweet potato consumption has increased 165 percent in the last 15 years. But sweet potatoes can take a long time to prepare—time many families don't have, with extracurricular activities routinely closing in on mealtime.

With a little help from the new instant mashed potatoes, Betty Crocker Sweet Potatoes, you can skip the hours of preparation and make every family dinner a special occasion with the perfect blend of potatoes and seasonings. If you're really looking to put a little extra pizzazz into your weeknight routine, how about serving a sweet potato side dish that's worthy of any holiday table?

Streusel-Pecan Sweet Potatoes

*Prep Time: 10 min
Start to Finish: 40 min*

Potatoes

- 1½ cups half-and-half**
- 1½ cups boiling water**
- ¼ cup butter, melted**
- 1 box Betty Crocker® sweet potatoes**
- ½ tsp grated orange peel**
- ¼ tsp salt**
- ¼ tsp ground cinnamon**
- ¼ tsp ground nutmeg**

Topping

- ¼ cup packed brown sugar**
- 3 Tbsp flour**
- 2 Tbsp butter, softened**
- ½ cup pecan halves**

1. Heat oven to 350°F. In 1½-quart casserole, mix half-



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and-half, boiling water and melted butter. Add 2 pouches potatoes and remaining potato ingredients; stir well.

2. In small bowl, mix brown sugar and flour. With fork, cut in 2 tablespoons butter until crumbly. Stir in pecans; sprinkle over top.

3. Bake uncovered 30 minutes or until topping is golden. 6 servings (½ cup each)

With a simple grilled chicken breast and vegetable, Betty Crocker Mashed Potatoes can also complete an easy, delicious meal in minutes. Simply heat milk, hot water and margarine, add the potatoes, mix and serve. And because they're available in two new varieties—Sweet Potato and Yukon Gold—it's even easier to put a delicious twist on any of your family's favorite meals.

Each package of Betty Crocker Sweet Potato and Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes is made with 100 percent real russet and sweet potatoes and serves six people, with a suggested retail price of \$1.89 per box.