

# Christmas Truly A Special Time

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Christmas is "goodies" made just for you... a quick kiss under the mistletoe... a crackling fire beckoning guests from the cold... hours spent baking and kids licking the bowl... Christmas Carolers singing of the New Born King... a warm spicy cider for all to sip... cards of news from friends of yore... and choosing your tree from the lot down the road... homemade candy which took all day... many hours of shopping to find just the right gifts... a Santa in the mall checking your lists... lighted candles casting off a pleasant scent... bright paper and ribbon under the tree... all your favorite dishes, a feast for all... the gift of Love from the Lord above.

Christmas is a special time of the year to be spent in the company of those we love. This year, play it smart and prepare those Christmas goodies a day, a week, ahead of time or even now. You'll be a giant step in front, ready for unruffled entertaining. Then spend your bonus time with your family making memories.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture along with myself encourage you to enjoy this coming Holiday Season to the fullest. For some quick, easy, and "prepare ahead" ideas try some of the following ideas:

1. Try some of the slice and bake cookies, then add your own toppings. Also there are cookie mixes available where you just add liquid. Put your own nuts or raisins in for a touch of "home-made goodness." These cookies will freeze well.
2. Make the recipe found below for Chocolate Covered Peanuts\*. Quick and easy to make, and freezes well. Also, try some Haystacks\*, a great favorite of mine.
3. For a simple hot punch; one part cranberry juice to two parts apple juice, add brown sugar and apple or pumpkin pie spice to taste — bring to boil and let simmer for 5-10 minutes.
4. Here's a dip that is easy to make, freezes well, and can be served with crackers or vegetables.

### VEGETABLE DIP

- 2 cups sour cream
- 1/2 cup meat (chicken, turkey, ham)
- 1 package of vegetable soup mix
- Mix well - decorate with chopped nuts, paprika, and/or parsley
- 5. For a quick appetizer, try one of these:

### SWEET & SAUCY

Heat equal parts of currant jelly and catsup in saucepan, or microwave, uncovered, High 1-2 minutes until mixture can be blended smooth. Add bite size pieces of sausage and heat until sausage is hot. Serve with toothpicks.

### OLIVE & HAM SPREAD

A quick and easy appetizer to spread on crackers or melba toast is prepared by combining 1 (3 oz.) package of cream cheese, 1/4 cup Chopped Ripe Olives, 1 (2 1/4 oz.) can deviled ham and 1/2 to 1 teaspoon horseradish.

### CHOCOLATE COATED PEANUTS\*

1 pkg. (6 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate  
2 1/2 cups roasted shelled Virginia type peanuts, skins on  
Melt chocolate pieces in top of double boiler over hot (not boiling) water. Add peanuts and stir to coat. Turn out on waxed paper separate with a fork. Allow to cool.

### PEANUT BUTTER HAYSTACKS\*

1 cup butterscotch  
1/2 cup peanut butter  
1/2 cup salted peanuts  
2 cups chow mein noodles  
Place chips and peanut butter in a double boiler. Melt over medium heat until chips have melted. Blend well. Stir in noodles and peanuts, coat well. Drop by forkfuls onto wax paper. Cool until set.



Scissor a slice: Yes, you can use scissors to easily slice pizza.

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	<p>KRAFT MARSHMALLOW <b>CREME</b> 7 OZ. <b>59¢</b></p>	

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<p><b>CAKE MIX</b> <b>79¢</b> 19 OZ. BOX</p>	<p>CHEF-BOY-AR-DEE BEEF-A-RONI-RAVIOLI <b>Spaghetti &amp; Meatballs</b> 40 OZ. CAN <b>1.59</b></p>	<p>VAN CAMP <b>PORK 'N' BEANS</b> 16 OZ. CAN <b>3 FOR 1.00</b></p>
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