



**WONDERFUL SUGAR 'N' SPICE CAKE** — Something special from the FARM JOURNAL Country-side Kitchens is Betty Crocker's recipe for delicious Prune Cake.

1 cup uncooked prunes, pitted and cut-up  
 1 cup boiling water  
 2 cups sifted flour  
 1 1/2 cups sugar  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 1 teaspoon each cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves  
 1/2 cup cooking oil  
 3 eggs, unbeaten  
 1 cup chopped nuts

Pour boiling water over prunes. Let stand 2 hours. Sift dry ingredients into large mixing bowl. Add prune mixture, oil eggs and nuts. Blend thoroughly (about 1 minute). Beat 2 minutes at medium speed.

**Make Strawberry Jam Now**

By Betty Barclay

WHILE strawberries are abundant, store some of them on your pantry shelf. Here is an easy recipe for delicious Strawberry Jam:



**Strawberry Jam**  
 Yield: about 11 medium glasses (5 1/2 lbs. jam)  
 4 1/2 cups prepared fruit (about 2 qts. ripe strawberries); 7 cups (3 lbs.) sugar; 1 box (2 1/2 oz.) powdered fruit pectin.

First, prepare the fruit. Crush completely, one layer at a time, about 2 quarts fully ripe strawberries. Measure 4 1/2 cups into a very large saucepan.

Then make the jam. Measure sugar and set aside. Add powdered fruit pectin to fruit in saucepan and mix well. Place over high heat and stir until mixture comes to a hard boil. At once stir in sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and skim off foam with metal spoon. Then stir and skim by turns for 5 minutes to cool slightly, to prevent floating fruit. Ladle quickly into glasses. Cover jam at once with 1/8 inch hot paraffin.

on electric mixer or 300 strokes by hand. Pour into a greased and floured 13 x 9 1/2 x 2 inch pan. Sprinkle batter with Streusel Topping: 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tbsp. flour and 2 tbsp. soft butter mixed until crumbly. Bake in 350°F. oven for 45 to 50 minutes. Cut in squares, serve warm. Or bake batter in paper-lined muffin pans, 20 to 25 minutes. Omit Streusel Topping if you wish and serve hot with caramel sauce and vanilla ice cream.

**HONEY-DOT SAUCE** — Sounds good! Heat honey by standing container in hot water until a little

more than lukewarm. For each tablespoon honey add 2 teaspoons chocolate bits. Serve at once while still warm over plain ice cream or cake.

**FARM QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**QUESTION:** What happens to roasting ear corn when held for 24 hours after harvesting?

**ANSWER:** Without proper care the corn will lose most of its natural flavor. In 24 hours at 85 degrees temperature over half of the sugar in the corn changes to starch. But at 32 degrees the change is reduced to only 15 per cent, thus, retaining the fresh corn flavor.

**QUESTION:** Why did egg prices start up in June of 1957?

**ANSWER:** It was mostly due to

the drop in production resulting from the heat wave over most of the nation. Another factor was greater confidence in higher prices because shipment to market declined.

**QUESTION:** What's the outlook for milk prices in 1957?

**ANSWER:** Support price in North

Carolina in 1957 will be about \$1.97 per 100 pounds, down 14 cents from 1956. Prices for the 1956 crop averaged about 20 cents per 100 pounds above the support price. Prices for this year's crop are expected to be less than last year because of large total supplies and lower support prices.



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