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## CORNSTARCH RECIPES FOR OVERNIGHT HYPOGLYCEMIA

Some experts believe that uncooked cornstarch added to snacks can help prevent low blood sugars overnight. One to two tablespoons ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ -15 g of carbohydrate,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 starch choices) of uncooked cornstarch can be added to milk (shake it well!), yogurt or pudding. Here are a few recipes for treats containing uncooked cornstarch:

## CORNSTARCH RICE CRISP SQUARES

⅓ C + 1 tbsp	margarine	100 mL
24	standard-sized marshmallows	24
1 tsp	vanilla	5 mL
4 C	rice crisps	1000 mL
$\frac{1}{2}$ C + 1 tbsp	cornstarch	140 mL

- 1. Place margarine in a bowl and heat in the microwave.
- 2. Add marshmallows to melted margarine and toss to coat all pieces of marshmallows. Microwave until melted  $(1-1\frac{1}{2})$  minutes). Mix well until smooth.
- 3. Stir vanilla into mixture.
- 4. Mix rice crisps and cornstarch together. Add to marshmallow mix and blend well.
- 5. Pat mixture into 8" x 8" pan.

Makes 9 servings.

Serving size is 23 square.

1 square = 1.2 g protein, 8.0 g fat, 26.2 g carbohydrate

# CORNSTARCH PEANUT BUTTER LOVER'S SQUARES

### **BOTTOM LAYER:**

2 tbsp	brown sugar	25 mL
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> C	corn syrup	50 mL
<sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub> C	peanut butter	50 mL
2 C	bran flakes	500 mL
$\frac{1}{2}$ C	cornstarch	125 mL

#### TOPPING:

1∕3 C	peanut butter	75 mL
2 tbsp	margarine	25 mL
2 oz	semisweet chocolate	2 squares
$\frac{1}{2}$ C	cornstarch	125 mL
2 tbsp	milk	25 mL

- 1. In a small saucepan over low heat, mix brown sugar, corn syrup, and peanut butter until well blended. Take pan off stove.
- 2. Add cornstarch to bran flakes, mix together. Add to above mixture in saucepan, stir until well blended.
- 3. Pat this layer into an  $8" \times 8"$  pan.
- 4. For the topping, melt the peanut butter, margarine, and semisweet chocolate squares in a saucepan. Take pan off stove.
- 5. Add the cornstarch to chocolate mixture and stir.
- 6. Add milk to mix in the remaining dry mixture. Stir until well blended.
- 7. Drop in spoonfuls onto bottom layer, then pat flat with spoon or fingers.

# Makes 16 servings.

Serving size is 2" square.

1 square = 3.1 g protein, 7.2 g fat, 21.0 g carbohydrate