

Oatmeal Fudge Bars (Patty Keck)

Oatmeal Layer:

1 c. soft shortening
2 c. light brown sugar, packed
2 eggs
1 t. vanilla
1 ½ c. flour
1 t. baking powder
½ t. salt
4 c. quick oats
1 c. chopped nuts

In medium bowl, with wooden spoon, beat shortening with sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Sift flour, baking soda, salt, and add to mixture. Mix well. Stir in oats and nuts. Remove 2 c. mixture for topping. Press rest of mixture evenly into bottom of greased cookie sheet or large baking dish.

Fudge Layer:

1 large pkg. Chocolate chips
1 T. butter
1 can sweetened condensed milk
1 c. chopped nuts
2 t. vanilla

In pan combine chocolate chips, butter, salt, and milk. Cook, stirring over low heat until chips and butter are melted. Remove from heat. Stir in nuts and vanilla. Spread chocolate mixture over oatmeal layer. Sprinkle top with remaining oatmeal mixture. Cook, cool. Cut in squares.