

# San Patricio Extension Education Association News Flash



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# Mark Your Calendar

County Extension Education
Association Meeting
Monday, March 30, 2020
San Patricio County Extension Office

9:00 a.m. - Refreshments Hostess → Extension Club 9:30 - Business meeting

Club report will need to be turned in at this meeting.

# SAVE THE DATE



2020 District 11 Spring Conference Thursday, April 16 Bellville, TX

93rd Annual TEEA State Conference September 15-16, 2020 Lubbock Convention Center Lubbock, Texas Theme: The Power to make a Difference



Scholarship Committee Meeting Monday, April 27, 2020 10:00 a.m. San Patricio County Extension Office

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April 21, 2020
Registration: 11:30 a.m.
Program - 12:10 p.m.
San Patricio County Fairgrounds
Civic Center
219 West Fifth, Sinton

RSVP by Thursday, April 14, 2020 at 361-587-3400.

Each Extension Education Club must provide eight (8) large salads.
Salads need to serve minimum of 8.

Also, please call Kathy if you would like to be a table monitor.

Luncheon, Door Prizes & Fun!

Women supporting each other to stay healthy together. Encourage each other to have breast & cervical screenings.

# Raspberry/Blackberry Basics





- Quality raspberries and blackberries are dry, plump and firm. Shallow containers help prevent crushing.
- \* Avoid berries that are moldy, crushed or shriveled and containers with juice on the bottom.
- Berries may be the highest quality and the lowest price when they are available locally. Try farm stands or picking your own at a u-pick farm.
- \* Frozen berries are available year round. Fresh or frozen, the health

Raspberries and blackberries are high in vitamin C and other antioxidants that may protect cells in your body.



# Types of Caneberries

Raspberries and blackberries are caneberries, which grow on long arching or trailing stems called canes.

Raspberries have a hollow center when picked. Red varieties are the most common, but other colors (black, purple, gold) might be found at

farmers markets or farm stands.

Blackberries have a different flavor from black raspberries and a solid center when picked. Marionberry is a variety of blackberry developed and grown in Oregon.



Loganberries and Boysenberries are well known blackberry/raspberry hybrids. They have solid centers like blackberries. Loganberries are oblong dark wine red fruits with more juice

and sharper flavor than raspberries. Boysenberries have large reddish purple fruit.



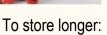
Enjoy berries as a snack —fresh or frozen.



# Store Well Waste Less

- Refrigerate berries in a covered shallow container. Use raspberries within 1 to 3 days; blackberries within 3 to 5 days.
- Rinse berries under cool running water just before using. Moisture during storage speeds spoilage.





- 1. Freeze whole berries on a tray until firm.
- 2. Package in freezer containers or re-sealable plastic bags.
- 3. Label with date and use within 8 to 12 months for best quality.



# **Enjoy Raspberries and Blackberries**

## **Baked Berry Oatmeal**

### **Ingredients:**

- 2 cups old fashioned rolled oats
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups nonfat or 1% milk
- 4 teaspoons butter or margarine, melted 2 cups cane berries, fresh or frozen (raspberries, blackberries, marionberries) ¼ cup walnuts, chopped (optional)



- 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- 2. In a medium bowl, mix together the oats, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt.
- 3. In a separate bowl, beat the eggs until blended; stir in brown sugar, vanilla, milk and melted butter.
- 4. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and stir until well combined.
- 5. Add the berries and stir lightly to evenly distribute. Pour mixture into 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with chopped nuts if desired.
- 6. Bake for 20-30 minutes or until the top is golden brown.
- 7. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Makes about 6 cups Prep time: 15 minutes Cook time: 30 minutes

## Raspberry Fruit Dip

#### Ingredients:

- ½ cup raspberries, fresh or frozen/ thawed
- 1 Tablespoon sugar
- 1 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- 3 pears or apples, sliced for serving

#### Directions:

- In a small bowl, mash the raspberries with sugar. Stir in the yogurt.
- 2. Serve with cut fruit.
- 3. Refrigerate leftovers within two hours

Makes about 1 cup dip Prep time: 5 minutes



## **Any Berry Sauce**

### Ingredients:

- ⅓ cup sugar
- 1 Tablespoon cornstarch
- ¼ cup cold water
- 4 cups berries (blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, sliced strawberries or a mixture) fresh or frozen



#### **Directions:**

- In a medium saucepan, mix together sugar, cornstarch, water and 2 cups berries. Mash berries if desired.
- 2. Heat over medium heat, stirring frequently, until sauce starts to thicken. Add water if sauce seems too thick
- 3. Remove from heat and stir in remaining berries. Mash berries if desired.
- 4. Serve over pancakes, waffles, or yogurt.
- 5. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Makes about 2 ⅓ cups Prep time: 5 minutes

Razzleberry Shiver Makes: 2 cups Prep time: 5 minutes Chill time: 2 hours

### **Ingredients**

- 1 cup raspberries
- 2 bananas
- 1/2 cup plain, low-fat yogurt
- 1/4 cup nonfat or 1% milk
- 1 teaspoon sugar



### **Directions**

- 1. Put all ingredients into a blender. Blend until smooth.
- 2. Divide the mixture among four small bowls.
- Freeze for about 2 hours. Enjoy as you would ice cream!
- 4. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers within 2 hours.

#### Notes

- No blender? Mash fruit well with a fork.
- Make popsicles! Spoon mixture into small paper cups or popsicle forms. Add a smooth wooden craft stick. Freeze until very firm so the sticks don't pull out.



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